

8 killed in deadly California boat fire; dozens missing

By STEFANIE DAZIO

Associated Press

SANTA BARBARA, Calif.

(AP) — A fire raged through a boat carrying recreational scuba divers anchored near an island off the Southern California coast early Monday, leaving at least eight people dead and hope diminishing that any of the 26 people still missing would be found alive. Five crew members escaped by jumping off the vessel and taking refuge on an inflatable boat. Rescuers recovered four bodies from the waters just off Santa Cruz Island and spotted four others on the ocean floor near where the boat sank.

They were continuing to search for survivors, but Coast Guard Capt. Monica Rochester cautioned that it was unlikely anyone else would be found alive. "We will search all the way through the night into the morning, but I think we should all be prepared to move into the worst outcome," she told an afternoon news conference. The four bodies plucked from the ocean about



In this photo provided by the Ventura County Fire Department, VCFD firefighters respond to a boat fire off the coast of southern California, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

90 miles (145 kilometers) northwest of Los Angeles all had injuries consistent

with drowning, said Coast Guard Lt. Cmdr. Matthew Kroll. It wasn't immediately

clear when the bodies on the ocean floor might be retrieved or when divers

could search the boat for others.

Associated Press

Continued on Page 2



Sharing Menu \$50 per couple



2 appetizers



1 Main dish



1 Dessert

J.E. Irausquin Blvd 64 - Eagle Beach, Aruba - www.asiesmiperuenaruba.com - Closed Mon
Info: + 297 525 4000 (Ext 172) / 588 3958 - reservations@asiesmiperuenaruba.com



A PHARMACY FOR
ALL YOUR NEEDS

- ✓ Full-Service Pharmacy
- ✓ Competitive prices
- ✓ Health, wellness and beauty products

Tel.: +297 586 1717 | www.boticadiservicio.com
info@boticadiservicio.com | Unit 8 at "The Cove"



ARUBA WALK-IN
CLINIC

- ✓ Experienced doctor
- ✓ No appointment necessary
- ✓ Urgent and non-urgent medical care

Tel.: +297 588 0539 | Or: +297 594 0539
lgbeke.md@gmail.com | Unit 9 at "The Cove"

8 killed in deadly California boat fire; dozens missing

Continued from Front

"It's upside down in relatively shallow water with receding tides that are moving it around," Santa Barbara County Sheriff Bill Brown said.

The fire broke out aboard the vessel Conception around 3 a.m. off Santa Cruz Island, part of a chain of rugged wind-swept isles that form Channel Islands National Park in the Pacific Ocean west of Los Angeles.

The five crew members who escaped were rescued by a good Samaritan boat called The Grape Escape that was anchored nearby. Two had minor injuries, Coast Guard Petty Officer Mark Barney said.

The Grape Escape's owners, Bob and Shirley Hansen, told The New York Times they were asleep when they heard pounding on the side of their 60-foot (18-meter) fishing vessel about 3:30 a.m. and discovered the frightened crew members. They told the couple they fled when the fire grew out of control.

"When we looked out, the other boat was totally engulfed in flames, from stern to stern," Hansen said, estimating it was no more than 100 yards from his craft. "I could see the fire coming through holes on the side of the boat. There were these explosions every few beats. You can't prepare yourself for that. It was horrendous. "The fire was too big, there was absolutely nothing we could do," he added.

Hansen said two of the crew members went back toward the Conception looking for survivors but found no one. Asked at a news conference if the crew tried to help others aboard, Rochester told reporters, "I don't have any additional information."

She said the 75-foot (20-meter) commercial scuba diving vessel was anchored in Platts Harbor, about 20 yards (18 meters) off the northern coast of Santa Cruz Island, when the fire ignited.

The Conception, based in Santa Barbara Harbor on the mainland, was on the final day of a Labor Day



Whale watchers board a boat outside of the Truth Aquatics office in Santa Barbara, Calif., as people nearby await to hear news about a diving boat that caught fire and sank on Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

Associated Press

weekend cruise to the Channel Islands when the fire erupted.

"At 3:15 this morning the Coast Guard overheard a mayday call. The call was garbled, it was not that clear, but we were able to get some information out of it to send vessels on scene," Barney said.

Rochester said that call indicated the boat was already fully ablaze.

After hearing the mayday radio call, Capt. Paul Amaral of the vessel assistance company TowBoatUS said a fast boat sped from Ventura Harbor some 30 miles (48 kilometers) to the island. "We launched that boat knowing that the vessel was on fire, lots of people aboard," he told The Associated Press.

A Coast Guard helicopter and a fireboat were on scene when he arrived around 5 a.m. He first searched the water and shoreline, then turned back to the Conception, which was adrift and going aground. Amaral said he was able to attach a line and pull it back into deeper water where the fireboats could reach it.

Brown said the elements of the tragedy were daunting for rescuers: The boat was in a remote location with limited firefighting capabilities, passengers were

sleeping below deck in the middle of the night and there was a quick-moving fire.

"You couldn't ask for a worse situation," the sheriff said.

The Conception was chartered by Worldwide Diving Adventures, which says on its website that it has been taking divers on such expeditions since the 1970s. It was owned and operated by Truth Aquatics, a Santa Barbara-based company founded in 1974.

Coast Guard records show inspections of the Conception conducted last February and in August 2018 found no deficiencies. Earlier inspections found some safety violations related to fire safety.

A 2016 inspection resulted in owners replacing the heat detector in the galley and one in 2014 cited a leaky fire hose.

Records show all safety violations from the last five years were quickly addressed by the boat's owners.

Dave Reid, who runs an underwater camera manufacturing business with his wife, Terry Schuller, and who has traveled on the Conception and two other boats in Truth Aquatics' fleet, said he considered all three among the best and safest dive-boats around.

"When you see the boats they are always immaculate," he said. "I wouldn't hesitate at all to go on one again. Of all the boat companies, that would be one of the ones I wouldn't think this would happen to."

His wife said Truth Adventures crews have always been meticulous in going over safety instructions at the beginning of every trip she's been on.

"They tell you where the life jackets are, how to put them on, the points of egress, the exits, where the fire extinguishers are, on every single trip," said Schuller, who goes on diving expeditions often with her husband. "They are the best, the absolute best."

Both said the sleeping area is comfortable but small, however, with bunk beds stacked next to one another in a tight space on the vessel's lowest deck. Coming up to the top deck to get off requires navigating a narrow stairway with only one exit. If the fire was fast-moving, Reid said, it's very likely divers couldn't escape and the crew couldn't get to them.

"If there was an explosion in the engine area that could have gone right into the sleeping area," Reid said.

The National Transportation Safety Board dispatched a team to investigate. □

pureocean
SEASIDE DINING

IT'S 6 O'CLOCK SOMEWHERE...

JOIN US!
HAPPY HOUR DAILY
FROM 6-7 PM

SUNSETS | DRINK SPECIALS | FREE PARKING

Tantalize your taste buds with delicious
NEW bar bites starting at just \$8 and the
perfect wine, cocktail or beer!

Located at Divi Aruba Phoenix Beach Resort
J.E. Irausquin Blvd. 75, Palm Beach
For more information, call 586-6066 ext. 7002

DIVI ARUBA PHOENIX
BEACH RESORT - ARUBA



Casa del Mar's pre-renovation sale is in its final month.

Get your room in Paradise starting at \$1,800 before time runs out.

J.E. Irausquin Blvd. #51 (T): 297-582-7000 (W): www.casadelmar-aruba.com

United removes Boeing Max from schedule until mid-December

By DAVID KOENIG
AP Airlines Writer

United Airlines is again delaying the expected return date for its grounded Boeing 737 Max jets.

The airline said Friday that it has removed the Max from its schedule until Dec. 19, six weeks longer than previously planned.

United owns 14 Max jets, which have been grounded since March after the second of two accidents that together killed 346 people.

Taking the Max out of the schedule reduces United's risk of alienating customers by canceling flights close to departure if the plane does not return to service as quickly as Boeing hopes. United's announcement means it could be flying the Max during the week before Christmas — a period when heavy travel and bad weather can snarl airline operations. By contrast, Southwest Airlines is delaying its earliest possible use of the plane until early January.

Robert Mann, an aviation consultant and former airline executive, said United's timing is possible if computer-based training for pilots and some "confidence-inspiring" demonstration flights can be wrapped up in November.

With each passing month, the loss of the Max results in more flights being dropped from United's schedule — from 70 a day in September to 96 a day for most of December — because it's not getting any new deliveries either.

United expected to have 27 Max jets by the end of September and 30 by the end of the year. The Chicago-based carrier has nearly 800 planes in its fleet.

Airlines haven't been able

to quickly replace the missing planes, so they are cutting back on growth — or in the case of Southwest, actually shrinking.

Boeing is working to fix flight-control software implicated in crashes off the coast of Indonesia and in Ethiopia and solve another problem that Federal Aviation Administration test pilots discovered in June.

The company has shown its changes to FAA over the past several months and expects to formally submit a recertification package in September. CEO Dennis Muilenburg predicted last month that the plane will return to service early in the fourth quarter.

Boeing's 737 assembly plant near Seattle is still running but at a slower rate, and completed jets are going into storage. A Boeing spokesman said Friday that the company believes it can gradually increase 737 production from 42 a month now to 57 a month next year.

Separately, the FAA said Friday that a committee of international aviation experts will need more time to complete its review of how the agency certifies planes.

The group faced a deadline Friday, but FAA said it now expects to wrap up "in the coming weeks."

The panel is looking into FAA's original approval of the Max and its use of designated employees at aircraft manufacturers like Boeing to evaluate some aircraft parts. Some lawmakers and safety advocates have criticized that approach and questioned whether FAA understood software that was new on the Max.

The panel's members represent nine aviation au-



This Tuesday, May 17, 2011, file photo shows the United Airlines logo on a rope line at O'Hare International Airport. On Friday, Aug. 30, 2019, United said it is again delaying the expected return date for its grounded Boeing 737 Max jets, until Dec. 19, six weeks longer than previously planned. Associated Press

thorities including those of Europe, China and Canada, and is led by a former

chairman of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board. Its review is separate

from FAA's decision about when the Max is safe to fly again. □

CORAL SHELL — ARUBA —




**Last phase construction
Pre construction prices**

Contact info:
Coral Shell Sales office
Email: marisabeldaboin@hotmail.com
deluxerealestatenv@gmail.com
Tel Aruba : +297 594 6745
Tel Vnzl. : +58 412 3277132

NEW!

Coral Shell Condominium

- Heart of Oranjestad, right on the Oceanside
- 1-2-3-4-5 Bedroom Condominiums
- Modern, high-quality Construction
- Marble Floors, double glass Windows, Kitchens fully equipped
- Custom-designed Closets & Bathrooms
- Private Laundry, Parking, Pools, Fitness, Lobby & Sauna






Biden, Buttigieg say no compromises on overhauling gun laws

By **THOMAS BEAUMONT and BILL BARROW**

Associated Press

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (AP)

— Democratic presidential candidates Joe Biden and Pete Buttigieg, moderates who project themselves as pragmatic collaborators, are taking a no-compromise approach on the overhaul of the nation's gun laws after the latest mass shooting.

Campaigning separately in eastern Iowa on Monday, the former vice president and the mayor of South Bend, Indiana, say the minimum provisions include universal background checks, a ban on military-style weapons and high-capacity ammunition, and red flag laws to allow officials to confiscate firearms from dangerous people.

Biden told reporters before a Labor Day picnic in Cedar Rapids that inaction from President Donald Trump and congressional Republicans is "disgraceful."

Asked if there's room for negotiation, he declared: "None. This is one we have to just push and push and push and push and push." Buttigieg also rejected compromise, saying after a campaign event in Cedar Rapids: "There is just no good faith in the congressional GOP nor, I believe, in the White House when it comes to dealing with this issue."

Their comments come two days after a gunman toting an assault-style rifle went on a rampage in Odessa, Texas, killing seven people around town before being gunned down by police. The FBI said the shooter "was on a long spiral of going down."

This shooting occurred less than a month after two other high-profile mass

shootings, in El Paso, Texas, and Dayton, Ohio.

Biden's and Buttigieg's positions represent a rare case

ons such as the AR-15. Yet any movement to tighten gun laws has stopped cold for years with Republicans

shooting, to work with a divided Congress to "stop the menace of mass attacks."



Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks to reporters during the Hawkeye Area Labor Council Labor Day Picnic, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019, in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

Associated Press

of absolutism from the two men. Despite their generational divide, at ages 76 and 37, both have staked their campaigns in part on calls for a more civil, productive governing process in Washington.

They both pointed to public opinion polls are a reason for their uncompromising approach.

According to national public opinion polls for the past several years, large majorities of Americans support requiring background checks for all gun buyers. Majorities, though smaller, also support banning the sale of military-style weap-

controlling one or both chambers of Congress. Buttigieg and Biden both predicted that intransigence will draw voters' ire at the ballot box.

"If Republicans don't make that right choice this time, I think they will be punished with the loss of power. And maybe that's what it will take to motivate them to come a little more in line with the American people," Buttigieg said.

Added Biden: "It's going to result in seeing some of them defeated."

Trump expressed a commitment Sunday, hours after the latest deadly mass

He notably came out in favor of background checks in 2018 after 17 students and adults were killed at a Parkland, Florida, high school, only to quickly retreat under pressure from the National Rifle Association. He's followed the same course after recent killings in California, Ohio and Texas.

Another Democratic presidential candidate, Amy Klobuchar, on Monday noted Trump's reversal.

"He flipped" after talking to the NRA, Klobuchar said. "That's what happens."

The Minnesota senator stopped short of taking the

same stance as Biden and Buttigieg, however. Klobuchar has co-sponsored a Senate proposal to ban military-style weapons. But she acknowledged that's more of a wish-list item for Democrats given GOP control of the Senate.

For now, she said, the "minimum of what we should do" includes expanded background checks, the red flag laws and closing the so-called boyfriend loophole that deals with gun rights for perpetrators of domestic violence.

Federal law that bars those convicted of misdemeanor domestic violence against spouses and "similarly situated" companions from possessing firearms. The prohibition has been applied in cases of live-in companions, but Klobuchar argues it doesn't go far enough to protect some victims who weren't living with their abuser.

Democrats' broad field of presidential candidates has been unified in calling for stricter gun laws. But Biden's strong position Monday stands out given his advocacy for more compromise on Capitol Hill. Previously, he has said he is capable of working with Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and recalled that, as a young senator in the 1970s, he found ways to work with Southern segregationist senators elected during the Jim Crow era.

This time, he said, there's no place for a bargain because Republicans are being "irrational."

"I'll work with Mitch McConnell where we can agree, but on this one he's not going to agree because he is where the president is," Biden said. "So we just have to beat them, flat out beat them." □

Not valid in combination with any other promotion.



QUE PASA?
ARUBA
RESTAURANT • ART GALLERY & BAR

FLORIN FOR DOLLAR

EVERY DAY 4PM - 5PM & 9PM - 10PM

43% DISCOUNT

ONE DELICIOUS DISCOUNT

FREE PARKING
For Que Pasa guests at our parkinglot (5pm - 12am)

WILHELMINAstraat 18, ORANJESTAD. OPEN DAILY AT 4PM. RESTAURANT OPEN TILL 11PM & BAR TILL 12AM.
RESERVATIONS: + 297 583-4888 OR JUST WALK IN!! E: QUEPASA@ARUBAWINEANDDINE.COM

FREE WIFI

WWW.QUEPASAAARUBA.COM

Parade canceled after 'destructive devices' found near route

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, N.J. (AP)

— Authorities canceled a New Jersey Labor Day parade that the governor was supposed to attend Monday because "destructive devices" were found near the parade route.

Thomas Kaiser, 55, of South Plainfield, was charged with two counts of possession of a destructive device for an unlawful purpose, with additional charges expected, Middlesex County prosecutors and local police said.

Authorities said a suspicious package containing a destructive device was left at Donovan's Reef bar in Sea Bright. That prompted an investigation Sunday that led to Kaiser's home, and other devices were found near the residence, authorities said.

Since the home is located near the start of the South Plainfield Labor Day parade, the event was canceled "out of an abundance of caution and due to the potential threat to

the community," prosecutors and police said.

Gov. Phil Murphy and First Lady Tammy Murphy had planned to march in the 62nd annual event.

The investigation by county prosecutors and Sea Bright and South Plainfield police also included representatives of the state homeland security office and bomb squad as well as the FBI and various K-9 units, authorities said.

NJ.com reports that a woman who answered the phone at Kaiser's home and declined an interview said the incident involved "fireworks" and had been "blown out of proportion." A man in the front yard of the suspect's home and identified himself as his younger brother also said the case involved "one firework" rather than a "bomb."

It wasn't clear whether Kaiser had an attorney.

A phone message seeking comment was left for him. □

Feds: Probe into deaths at VA hospital is 'top priority'

By **ANTHONY IZAGUIRRE** and **MICHAEL BALSAMO**
Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP)

— Federal prosecutors said Friday a sweeping criminal probe into a number of suspicious deaths at a Veterans Affairs hospital in West Virginia would be their "top priority." Bill Powell, the U.S. attorney in West Virginia, said his office is involved in a "comprehensive federal criminal investigation" into the deaths of up to 11 patients at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg. At least two of the deaths have been ruled homicides, according to attorneys representing families of men who died. The announcement comes about a week after federal prosecutors indicted a former pathologist at another VA hospital in Arkansas — who is accused of being impaired while on duty — in connection with the deaths of three patients. Authorities say he misdiagnosed the patients and later altered records to conceal his mistakes.

There is no evidence to suggest the cases are related, but the investigations are yet another black eye for the government's second-largest department, which is responsible for 9 million military veterans in more than 1,700 government-run health facilities.

On the campaign trail in 2016, President Donald Trump repeatedly railed against the care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, promising to fix the



In this Tuesday, Feb. 26, 2019, file photo, Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie testifies on Capitol Hill in Washington.

Associated Press

agency. He signed legislation that made it easier to fire VA employees and speed disability appeals and expanded the Veterans Choice program, which gives veterans the option to see private doctors outside the VA medical system at government expense. The agency's former director was fired last year in the wake of a bruising ethics scandal and a mounting rebellion within the agency, and the doctor who Trump nominated to replace him had to withdraw his nomination amid accusations of misconduct. Robert Wilkie, the current Veterans Affairs secretary, who has been in his post since last July, has called for an expedited investigation into the suspicious deaths in West Virginia. "We fully understand the desire for a speedy resolution and need for closure," Powell said.

Powell said the investigation, being conducted by federal prosecutors and

the FBI, would be his office's "top priority" and that the probe began as soon as potential criminal activity was discovered. The Veterans Administration's inspector general is also investigating.

Two bodies were already exhumed as part of the investigation and the FBI has contacted a third family to exhume another body as part of the probe, Manchin told reporters on a conference call Friday. Earlier this week, the Democrat said VA officials had told him a "person of interest" was no longer in contact with any veterans at the facility.

The VA inspector general told Manchin's office about the opening of a medical and criminal investigation of the hospital in July 2018, after at least nine patients were diagnosed with unexplained low blood sugar, the senator said. He toured the hospital Friday and spoke with staffers and the medical center's director, Glenn R. Snider Jr. □

The donkeys have moved to...

BRINGAMOS!

DONKEY SANCTUARY ARUBA
For directions or information: www.arubandonkey.org
or call 593 2933

Not so easy to prevent the spread of mass shooters' names

By LISA MARIE PANE

Associated Press

When law enforcement authorities gathered to discuss details of a mass shooting in West Texas that left seven people dead, there was one bit of information they refused to provide on live television: the name of the gunman.

Instead, they decided to release the name through a Facebook post.

Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke made it plain why he wouldn't mention the name at the news conference: "I'm not going to give him any notoriety for what he did."

Even with such restraint, it remained a challenge to curb the spread of the gunman's name.

The Odessa Police Department has fewer than 25,000 followers of its Facebook page, but the social media platform easily reaches millions of Facebook's members around the globe and the post was shared hundreds of times. Within minutes, Twitter lit up with posts mentioning his name.

Journalists and advocates



Odessa Police Chief Michael Gerke announces that he does not want to speak the name of the shooter from Saturday's shooting during a news conference, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, in Odessa, Texas. Instead, the department released the name of the gunman through a Facebook post.

Associated Press

on both sides of the gun debate also began spreading the word, spewing a firehose of information about the suspect.

In this era of a saturation of social media and around-the-clock news, it's next to impossible to keep a lid on such information.

"Ultimately, the police department can only directly control what they do, and that name, that information can be reposted and retweeted and republished hundreds of thousands of time," said Adam Lankford, a criminologist at the University of Alabama who

has studied the influence of media coverage on future shooters.

He and others appeal to the media to limit the volume of information about these perpetrators, saying it does little to understand the reasons for the violence or stop it in the future.

The Associated Press names suspects identified by law enforcement in major crimes.

However, in cases in which the crime is carried out seeking publicity, the AP strives to restrict the mention of the name to the minimum needed to inform the public, while avoiding descriptions that might serve a criminal's desire for publicity or self-glorification. The "No Notoriety" movement was partly inspired by the 1999 Columbine school shooting outside Denver. The gunmen became household names and even in death appeared to motivate a whole new crop of mass shooters.

In recent years, it has gained momentum amid a seemingly steady stream of mass shootings.

The idea is to urge news organizations to refrain from naming the shooters in mass slayings and to curb the volume of biographical information about them. In New Zealand, after a mass

shooter there killed 51 people at two mosques, Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern refused to mention the perpetrator's name at all.

FBI leaders, leery of inspiring copycat killers and hesitant to give them what they see as undue attention, have occasionally been reluctant in recent years to refer to them by name.

Former FBI Director James Comey expressed that concern in a briefing with reporters the day after a 2016 rampage at an Orlando nightclub, repeatedly referring to the gunman not by his name but simply as "the killer."

FBI special agent Christopher Combs, who previously worked at FBI headquarters leading the bureau's efforts to respond to mass shootings, has held to that view. As the top FBI official in San Antonio, he has overseen the bureau's response to multiple mass shootings in Texas, including a 2017 massacre at a church in Sutherland Springs that killed more than two dozen people.

At a news conference after the shooting where officials refrained from naming the gunman, Combs said, "We don't talk about the shooter."

And in a television interview after the shooting, Combs said he understood that the media had to name a shooter "once," but "after that, we certainly don't want to draw any type of positive attention to the shooter. And we have found through studies that there are people out there that are troubled, and when they see that, they believe this is how I can show the wrongdoings that have been done to me."

All these years later, the Columbine attack continues to motivate mass shooters, including two men who this year stormed their former school in Brazil, killing seven people.

The gunman in New Zealand was said to have been inspired by the man who in 2015 killed nine black worshippers at a church in Charleston, South Carolina. □



JOIN OUR TEAM

Tara Eco Horeca Supplies, a one of a kind supplier of healthy and environmentally conscious products

WE ARE LOOKING FOR

AMBITIOUS WHOLESALE MANAGER

- Responsible for complete wholesale operation to ensure growth and profitability
- Experience in Sales & Marketing, acquiring new lines, procurement, administration, and warehouse management
- Strong business sense, managerial / decision making skills

QUALIFICATIONS

- Proficient in English is required.
- Proven track record in a similar position
- Strong negotiation skill
- In-depth experience in excel & wholesale software
- Strong communications skills
- Must have some previous experience in F&B and Horeca supplies wholesale.

EXCELLENT BENEFITS:

Top salary with bonus arrangements, Pension Plan, Health-Disability-Life Insurances, Dental & Vision Insurance.

To apply, please send your resume by Email to
biemans@bucuti.com
Guaranteed confidential



Pelican Adventures



Celebrating our 30th anniversary with YOU!

SPECIAL OF THE WEEK: Sunset & Dinner Cruise

Includes snacks, open Bar, caribbean music, after 2 hours of Sunset Cruise you will enjoy a 3 course Dinner at our Pelican Nest Restaurant on the Sea, spectacular view, professional service, Freshly made dishes to spoil your senses.



Visit us at Casa del Mar, Playa Linda, Holiday Inn Concierge/lobby desk/ beach huts, RIU Hut between Antilla & Palace Hotel on the beach, or at our own Pelican Pier located between the Holiday Inn & Playa Linda Resort.

For reservations call 587-2302 (Mon-Sun) Or book online at: www.pelican-aruba.com

PRESENT THIS AD AND RECEIVE \$10 DISCOUNT PER COUPLE

Government: Let's end agreement for migrant kid detention

By **ASTRID GALVAN**
Associated Press

PHOENIX (AP) — The U.S. government on Friday took another major step to end a settlement agreement governing the length of time and conditions in which it can detain immigrant children.

Government attorneys have filed a notice requesting that a federal judge dissolve what's widely known as the Flores settlement agreement. First signed in 1997, the agreement limits how long children can be in detention to generally 20 days while also spelling out conditions. Prior to the agreement, for example, immigrant youths who traveled to the U.S. without a parent were detained with adults of the opposite sex. The Flores agreement has been a focal point of President Donald Trump's calls to reduce immigration. His administration says it's a loophole that encourages families to migrate north.

Authorities have dealt with an overwhelming number of mostly Central American families and unaccompanied children who have traveled to the border through Mexico over



In this March 27, 2019, file photo, Central American migrants wait for food in a pen erected by U.S. Customs and Border Protection to process a surge of migrant families and unaccompanied minors in El Paso, Texas.

the past year. Over 400,000 families with children have crossed the border since October, and nearly 70,000 children have arrived without a biological parent or legal guardian. Many are here to seek asylum and

have fled extreme violence and poverty.

Assistant Attorney General Joseph H. Hunt argued in the filing that government regulations issued last week adopt the main tenets of the agreement, and con-

tinuing it "is no longer possible, equitable, or in the public interest."

The agreement is supposed to end when the government has adopted its rules through regulation. But immigrant advocates say

Associated Press

the new regulation, which would allow the government to detain families with children for much longer than it's allowed now, "would eviscerate the settlement's crucial protections for vulnerable children." "The basic human rights of children should never be commodities in the battle for political capital," said attorney Neha Desai, who works for the National Center for Youth Law, one of the groups involved in the litigation. "Over the past two years this administration has constructed a hateful narrative about immigrant children and families which it has now woven throughout its Final Rule attempting to eviscerate the Flores Settlement Agreement."

Desai and other attorneys involved in the case on Friday asked a judge to reject the rules. The government filed its own request after theirs.

Lawyers and psychologists who have examined children being held say prolonged detention causes life-long trauma and that the government imposes deplorable conditions on them. □

Woman charged with kidnapping toddler blames father

PENN HILLS, Pa. (AP) — A woman accused of driving off with a toddler as her father got out of the car has alleged the dad told her to deliver the kid to another woman because he had "sold" his daughter, authorities said Monday.

Sharena Islam Nancy, 25, who works as a ride-hailing service driver, has been charged with kidnapping of a minor, custodial interference and conceal-

ment of the whereabouts of a child, all felonies, in the disappearance of Nalani Johnson, who will be 2 years old this month.

Allegheny County police said the child's father told investigators in Penn Hills that he and a friend were riding in a car driven by Nancy on Saturday evening. When he got out of the car and was moving to get the child out of her car seat, Nancy drove off, he alleged.

After an Amber Alert was issued, the car was found and Nancy was taken into custody, but neither the child nor her car seat was found. Police say the vehicle went to Blairsville, New Alexandria and Delmont in Westmoreland County and asked anyone who saw anything that might help to call investigators. On Monday evening, they urged people to be on the lookout for the missing car seat.

The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette reports that Nancy alleges the father "sold" the toddler for \$10,000 and, on his instructions, she turned the girl over to a woman at a roadside rendezvous. She alleged that she was told to drive 20 minutes from a Monroeville gas station. There, she saw a parked silver sports utility vehicle with out-of-state plates, and she gave the child to a woman standing outside the car. Police

wrote in the criminal complaint that they found no evidence of a silver SUV in the area at the time. No attorney was listed in court documents for Nancy, and a listed number for her could not be found. The child's grandmother, Taji Walsh, dismissed the allegations, telling reporters that if police thought the father was involved "he wouldn't be walking freely — he'd be locked up like she is." □

UK prime minister tells lawmakers to back his Brexit plan

By **DANICA KIRKA**

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson shot down the notion that he wanted an early election to secure Brexit, insisting Monday that it wasn't the way to get a deal done.

Johnson decried parliamentary action set for Tuesday that is meant to delay Britain's departure from the European Union, arguing that it would "chop the legs" out of the U.K. position. He spoke moments after lawmakers posted a copy of the proposed bill on Twitter, making clear that they would press the government to seek a delay if there's no deal.

"Let's let our negotiators get on with their work, without that sword of Damocles over their necks, and without an election, without an election," he said. "I don't want an election, you don't want an election. Let's get on with the people's agenda."

Opposition parties are pledging to challenge Johnson's policy that the U.K. will leave the EU on Oct. 31 even if there is no deal. A no-deal Brexit is considered dangerous because it will sever decades of seamless trade with the EU single market of 500 mil-



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson speaks to the media outside 10 Downing Street in London, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

Associated Press

lion, Britain's largest trading partner.

Despite Johnson's comment, Downing Street said later Monday night that Johnson would call an early election if his opponents in Parliament manage to pass legislation that would block his plans for a departure from the EU by the Oct. 31 deadline. His goal would be to gain a majority in a new Parliament that would back his Brexit stance.

The febrile atmosphere came after Johnson got tough with members of his

Conservative Party who opposed his Brexit plans. The so-called rebels were being warned Monday that they will be expelled from the party if they supported the parliamentary efforts.

Johnson insists the potential for a no-deal Brexit must remain an option in negotiations with the EU. The bloc is adamant it will not renegotiate the agreement struck with former Prime Minister Theresa May on the terms of Britain's departure and the framework of future re-

lations.

The deal was defeated in Britain's Parliament three times, largely because of opposition to clauses related to keeping open the border between Ireland and Northern Ireland. Time is short for lawmakers to block a no-deal Brexit. With 59 days before the withdrawal date, and a lengthy parliamentary suspension in the middle, this week is crunch time.

Johnson, who took power in July with a pledge to go no matter what, insisted

that he was not backing down on the promise.

"There are no circumstances under which I will ask Brussels to delay," Johnson said. "We're leaving the 31st of October, no ifs or buts." Some of the most important votes are those of Johnson's own party — particularly those who can't stomach the notion of a no-deal exit. Conservative former justice secretary David Gauke accused Johnson of "goading" party members to vote against the government so that they can be ousted in favor of lawmakers who support the prime minister's more extreme version of Brexit.

"It's obviously a particularly confrontational approach and, I think, designed, frankly, to realign the Conservative Party, to transform the Conservative Party very much in the direction of a Brexit party," Gauke told the BBC.

Rumors had swirled that Johnson might try to trigger a no-confidence vote — taking his message directly to the people to seek their support. But because of a largely untried law passed in 2011, he needs the support of two-thirds of Parliament to seek an election. In this case, that means getting the support of the Labour Party. □

Tunisia kicks off presidential campaign amid tensions



A woman walks past a wall of campaign posters in Tunis, Tunisia, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

By **BOUAZZA BEN BOUAZZA**

Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia (AP) — Tunisia's 26 presidential candidates launched their campaigns Monday in a politi-

cal climate marked by uncertainty, money laundering allegations and worries about violent extremism.

The brief campaign for the Sept. 15 first-round vote will

include Tunisia's first-ever televised presidential debate — and a prominent candidate may take part from a jail cell.

Candidates held rallies Monday in Tunis and in poorer provinces to present their platforms for the election to replace Tunisia's first democratically elected president, who died in office in July.

Media magnate Nabil Karoui is considered a leading contender, but he is in jail facing accusations of money laundering and tax evasion. The electoral authority approved his candidacy, but is awaiting a court decision over whether he can take part in the televised debates

Sept. 8-10. His arrest shook up the race, with his supporters saying he's being politically persecuted and electoral authorities struggling to maintain a transparent race and peaceful atmosphere. Tunisia's democracy, born of a 2011 uprising that led to revolts across the Arab world, remains fragile, and its post-revolution leaders have struggled against unemployment, corruption and Islamic extremism.

The campaign kicked off the same day that a national guard chief and three extremists suspected of plotting attacks were killed in a shootout near the Algerian border. The clash did not appear to be linked

to the presidential race.

"It's an unhealthy climate," said former human rights activist Moncef Marzouki, who was Tunisia's provisional leader after the Arab Spring revolution and is running again for president. He lamented to The Associated Press that candidates are "fighting each other with methods unworthy of democracy."

Marzouki claimed that he feared no other candidate, but rather dirty money, his "most formidable rival."

Another candidate, Defense Minister Abdelkrim Zbidi, expressed regret at "denigration campaigns" between candidates, saying they make Tunisia look bad internationally. □

1,500 asylum-seekers being transported to Greek mainland

By **COSTAS KANTOURIS**

Associated Press

THESSALONIKI, Greece (AP)

— About 1,500 asylum-seekers were being transported from Greece's eastern Aegean island of Lesbos to the mainland Monday as part of government efforts to tackle massive overcrowding in refugee camps and a recent spike in the number of people arriving from the nearby Turkish coast.

A ship carrying 635 people, mostly Afghan families, from Lesbos reached the northern port city of Thessaloniki Monday evening. From there, authorities said, the asylum-seekers were being bussed to a camp in Nea Kavala in northern Greece that already holds another 1,000 Syrian migrants.

Abdul Tamim Azimi, 24, from Afghanistan said he spent nine dire months in Moria with his parents and two siblings, and was looking forward to the new camp.

"The situation was very bad," he told The Associated Press.

"Every day there were fights among the people living there. For food, for water, for anything. Now we are going to the camp and we will see."

A second ship carrying about 800 people from Lesbos was expected in Thessaloniki early Tuesday.

The Citizens Protection Ministry said a total of around 1,000 of those being transferred will be housed in Nea Kavala, where they will be staying in tents until the end of the month, after which they will be transferred to a new camp under construction. The rest will be housed in other facilities in northern Greece. The transfer was part of decisions made during a national security meeting Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis convened Saturday, after nearly 600 people arrived on Lesbos in more than a dozen boats in the space of an hour Thursday.

The national security council meeting also decided to speed up the deporta-

tion of those whose asylum applications have been rejected, and to abolish the second-stage review of asylum applications. The government also announced increased border surveillance, to activate a maritime surveillance system and to bolster the coast guard's fleet with 10 new speedboats.

Hundreds of people continue to head to Greece from Turkey each week, despite a 2016 European Union-Turkey deal that restricts new arrivals to the islands pending deportation unless they are successful in their asylum application.

The EU-Turkey deal and the backlog of asylum cases has led to a large bottleneck on the eastern Aegean islands, where asylum-seekers are housed in massively overcrowded camps whose conditions aid groups frequently criticize. In general only those deemed to be in vulnerable groups, such as the elderly, very young and people with serious health problems are eligible for rehousing on the mainland. Official figures released Friday showed that more than 10,000 people were being held in Lesbos in a facility with a capacity of 3,000, while there was also severe overcrowding on the islands of Chios, Leros, Kos and Samos.

"We do note with concern the large number of arrivals that was reported in Lesbos in Greece which of course only serves to put additional pressure on a system that's under strain," European Commission spokeswoman Natasha Bertaud told reporters Monday at the commission's daily briefing in Brussels.

Migration Commissioner Dimitris Avramopoulos and his services are in "direct and regular contact" with both the Greek and the Turkish authorities at political and technical level, she said.

"We will continue working with the Greek authorities to improve the situation on the island and stand ready to discuss and support the additional emergency



Refugees and migrants arrive at the port of Thessaloniki, northern Greece, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019. Associated Press

measures which were announced by the Greek authorities over the weekend," she added, noting the Commission had made available "all the neces-

sary funds" to improve living conditions in the camps on the islands.

Elsewhere in the Mediterranean, a charity boat with some 100 migrants on

board was seized by Italian authorities after it entered Italian waters and headed for the port of Pozzallo, in Sicily, in defiance of a government ban. □



JOIN OUR AWARD - WINNING TEAM

Ranked among top 10 Hotels In the World by TripAdvisor
Featured In top 10 Hotels In the Caribbean by Travel + Leisure

EXCELLENT BENEFITS:

Competitive Salaries, Pension Plan, Health-Disability-Life Insurances, Dental & Vision Insurance, Savings Plan, Loan Availability, Shift Meal, General Bonus.

REQUIREMENTS:

Proficient in English for all positions is required.

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

- Previous relevant HR experience required
- Excellent verbal and written skills in English and Dutch, Papiamentu and Spanish are a plus
- Excellent administrative skills including Microsoft office, experience with HRM software is a plus

MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

- HVAC, Mechanical and electrical skills / experience
- Ability to work shifts, flexible and can work independently
- Prior relevant work experience required.

CHEF DE PARTIE

- Detail-oriented, knowledge of HACCP & food safety
- Must have experience in fine dining and be familiar with special diets
- Must be able to delegate to a small kitchen team

PART-TIME HOTEL DOORMAN

- Previous customer related experience is an asset
- Excellent communication skills, strong interpersonal abilities and a professional presentation
- Highly responsible & reliable
- Ability to work well under pressure in a fast paced environment
- Ability to work cohesively with fellow colleagues as part of a team
- Ability to focus attention on guest needs, remaining calm and courteous at all times

To apply, please send your resume by Email:
jobs@bucuti.com or Call: 583-1100 ext 136 for more information.

Iran warns of 'strong step' from atomic deal if no new terms

By **NASSER KARIMI**

Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iran will "take a strong step" away from its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers if Europe cannot offer the country new terms by a deadline at the end of this week, a government spokesman said Monday as top Iranian diplomats traveled to France and Russia for last-minute talks. The comments from Ali Rabiei reinforced the deadline Iran had set for Friday for Europe to offer it a way to sell its crude oil on the global market. Crushing U.S. sanctions imposed after President Donald Trump withdrew America from the deal over a year ago have halted those sales.

Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif was in Moscow, while his deputy was to travel to Paris with a team of economists Monday in a renewed diplomatic push.

The developments come after French President Emmanuel Macron surprised the Group of Seven summit in France by inviting Zarif last week.

Rabiei described Iran's strategy to journalists at Monday's press conference in Tehran as "commitment for commitment."

"Iran's oil should be bought and its money should be



In this July 7, 2019, photo, Iran's government spokesman Ali Rabiei speaks in a press briefing in Tehran, Iran.

accessible to return to Iran," Rabiei said. "This is the agenda of our talks."

It's unclear what the terms of negotiation are. In theory, anyone caught buying Iranian crude oil would be subject to U.S. sanctions and potentially locked out of the American financial market.

Already, Iran has gone over limits set by the deal. The International Atomic Energy Agency confirmed last week that Iran's stockpile of low-enriched uranium still exceeds the amount

allowed by the so-called Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action, or JCPOA as the deal is known.

The U.N. agency also said Iran continues to enrich uranium up to 4.5%, above the 3.67% allowed.

Enriched uranium at the 3.67% level is enough for peaceful pursuits and is far below weapons-grade levels of 90%. At the 4.5% level, the uranium can help power Iran's Bushehr reactor, the country's only nuclear power plant.

It remains unclear what

further step Iran will take, though it could involve restarting advanced centrifuges prohibited by the deal or further bumping up its enrichment of uranium. Iran insists the steps it has taken so far are easily reversible.

"We will announce implementation of the third step in a letter to the Europeans if the Europeans do not implement necessary measures by Thursday," said Zarif in a Sunday interview with Iran's parliament news agency, ICANA.

The nuclear deal is meant to keep Tehran from building atomic weapons in exchange for economic relief. It has been complicated by the unilateral withdrawal of the United States from the deal and Washington's increased sanctions on Tehran, which have been taking a toll on the Iranian economy.

That has left the other signatories — Germany, Britain, France, Russia and China — struggling to come up with enough incentives to keep Iran in the deal.

Meanwhile Monday, an Iranian oil tanker pursued by the U.S. that has been traveling across the Mediterranean Sea is now off the coast of Tripoli in northern Lebanon. The ship-tracking website MarineTraffic.com showed the Adrian Darya 1 moving slowly just outside the Lebanese territorial waters, after it had stood off the coast of Syria a day earlier. U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo has alleged the ship is bound for a refinery in Syria, which was the reason that authorities had seized the vessel off the coast of Gibraltar in July. The U.S. has warned countries not to accept the Adrian Darya, which carries 2.1 million barrels of Iranian crude oil worth some \$130 million. □

Palestinian women protest after suspected honor killing

By **MOHAMMED DARAGH-MEH**

Associated Press

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP)

— Hundreds of Palestinian women held a demonstration in the West Bank on Monday to demand an investigation into the death of a 21-year-old woman who many suspect was the victim of a so-called honor killing.

Israa Ghrayeb, a makeup artist from a village near Bethlehem, died last month after being hospitalized with severe injuries. Friends and women's rights activists suspect her male relatives assaulted her over a video shared online that purportedly showed her out with a man who had



Palestinian women hold a banner that reads, "Palestinian Woman's General Union, we need a law to protect us and to protect the Palestinian family," during a rally in front of the Prime Minister's office, in the West Bank city of Ramallah, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

proposed to her.

The family says she jumped from a balcony of their home after being "pos-

sessed by demons."

In conservative parts of the Middle East, women have been murdered by male

relatives over suspicions they violated strict rules on relationships and marriage. Such killings occur from time to time in the Palestinian territories, but precise statistics are hard to come by. The case has sparked an outcry online and in Arab media, leading to widespread calls for justice. "There is a criminal suspicion in this case," said Suhair Farraj, one of the protesters. "We demand a serious investigation."

Ghrayeb died on Aug. 22 after sustaining serious injuries at home nearly two weeks earlier. Her family released a statement saying she jumped off a second-story balcony, breaking her spine and suffering

cuts to her face. It said she had been possessed for some time, and was receiving "treatment" from local Muslim clerics.

Ghrayeb's Instagram page, now closed, had over 12,000 followers, a popular account in her close-knit community. Even though the family says it approved the proposal, the two were not formally engaged. Among very conservative Muslims, their going out together would be seen as inappropriate and potentially bringing shame to the whole family. The family said in a statement that police have taken testimony from them and interviewed Ghrayeb in the hospital prior to her death. □

With online reservations on Super Saver days
No exceptions

SAVE 20%

JOLLY PIRATE TICKETS

SAIL, SNORKEL, SWIM & SWING! 9am-1pm \$60pp Visit 3 Great sites BBQ, Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!	AFTERNOON SNORKEL 2-5pm \$45pp 2 snorkel sites Open Bar, Gear & Ropeswing!	SUNSET SAIL 5:30-7:30pm \$32pp Open Bar & Ropeswing!
--	--	---

www.jolly-pirates.com

Offer not valid in combination with other discount offers.

Japan urges nuke plants to prepare for decommissioning era

By **MARI YAMAGUCHI**
Associated Press

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's nuclear policy-setting body adopted a report Monday saying the country is entering an era of massive nuclear plant decommissioning, urging plant operators to plan ahead to lower safety risks and costs requiring decades and billions of dollars. Twenty-four commercial reactors — or 40% of Japan's total — are designated for or are being decommissioned. Among them are four reactors at the Fukushima Dai-ichi plant that were severely damaged by the massive 2011 earthquake and tsunami that struck northeastern Japan.

The annual nuclear white paper, adopted by the Japan Atomic Energy Commission, urges utilities to learn from U.S. and European examples, especially those of Germany, France and Britain. Japan hasn't yet completed the decom-



In this Aug. 10, 2006, file photo, the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant in Tomiokamachi, Fukushima Prefecture, is seen.

missioning of any reactors and doesn't have concrete plans for the final disposal of radioactive waste. "Taking into consideration further increase of nuclear facilities that will be decommissioned, new technology and systems need

to be developed in order to carry out the tasks efficiently and smoothly," the report said. "It's a whole new stage that we have to proceed to and tackle." Japanese utilities have opted to scrap aged reactors instead of investing in

safety requirements under post-Fukushima standards. The decommissioning of a typical reactor costs nearly 60 billion yen (\$560 million) and takes several decades. Citing the government-run Japan Atomic Energy Agency's plan to scrap

about half of its 79 research facilities, the report raised concerns about the weakening of basic research on nuclear energy. Before the Fukushima disaster, Japan had 60 commercial reactors that provided about 25 percent of the country's energy needs. Despite the government's renewed ambitions for nuclear power, reactor restarts are proceeding slowly as nuclear regulators spend more time on inspections. Meanwhile, anti-nuclear sentiment persists among the public and makes it more difficult for plant operators to obtain local consent in making revisions to their facilities. Any plan related to nuclear waste storage tends to get strong resistance.

Since the Fukushima accident, only nine reactors in Japan have restarted, accounting for about 3% of the country's energy supply, compared to the government's ambitious 20-22% target. □

Associated Press

Kenya park suspends gorge visits after flash flood kills 7

By **TOM ODULA**
Associated Press

NAIROBI, Kenya (AP) — Authorities called off search and rescue operations after seven bodies were recovered from a flash flood that killed at least six tourists and their driver visiting the gorges of the famous Hell's Gate National park. Five Kenyans of Indian descent, an Indian national and their Kenyan driver died in the Sunday evening tragedy, said Paul Udoto, spokesman for the Kenya Wildlife Service. The park was also closed, au-

thorities said.

Ivraj Singh Haye survived the deluge, but his wife and five other relatives died. He spoke to the Nation Television News his family stopped at the gorge to "use the washroom," before the flash flood.

A ranger asked if they would want to see the gorge and as they went down it started drizzling lightly, so they didn't go into gorge, he said.

"At around 3 p.m. water came from nowhere and I had my phone and

we were able to call the guy at the reception ... the guide next to me shouted "tuna bebwa na maji (the water is carrying us away)," he said.

"We thought rescue will come but nothing, my relative started going one after the other," he said. His niece, a driver and a Kenyan couple were able to avoid being carried away for one and a half hours, he said. And when the water flow reduced, they then got stuck in quick sand or silt left from the deluge, he said. □



Police officers carry away a retrieved body after a flash flood in Hell's Gate national park near Naivasha, Kenya Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

Associated Press

As UN body wraps up in Guatemala, fears for anti-graft fight

By SONIA PÉREZ D.

Associated Press

GUATEMALA CITY (AP) —

For over a decade, the work of the International Commission against Impunity in Guatemala brought the Central American nation hope that corruption could be fought. Now, as the end of its mandate nears, many fear a setback in the fight against impunity.

The U.N. commission known as Cicig for its initials in Spanish, which brought to trial three ex-presidents and hundreds of businesspeople, officials, judges and civilians accused of corruption, will shut down Sept. 3 after the government of President Jimmy Morales decided not to renew its mandate.

Guatemalans fear the end of its work may abandon legal cases in process, weaken the anti-immunity prosecutor's office that investigated hand-in-hand with Cicig and result in those accused seeking revenge.

Miguel Ángel Gálvez, the judge who tried and imprisoned former President Otto Pérez Molina in 2015, is aware of that fear.

"I believe we have already taken a big step back" with Cicig's exit from the country, Gálvez told The Associated Press. "Without prosecutors who know the cases, what is going to happen?" He warned that in the investigations "where sentencing is already being passed it has happened like this, the cases are crumbling."

A sign of that fear is the recent absolution of the son and brother of President Morales, accused of embezzlement and money laundering for purportedly falsifying invoices and faking a bidding to get their hands on government funds. Although the son confessed, he was acquitted.

Morales has less than five months left in office and his successor, President-elect Alejandro Giammattei, has not shown interest in asking the United Nations to intervene again, although he announced the creation of



In this Sept. 14, 2017 file photo, Ivan Velasquez, commissioner of the United Nations International Commission Against Impunity, CICIG, pauses during an interview, in Guatemala City.

Associated Press

a Commission against Corruption with financial support from the United States. The co-optation of the judiciary by the executive, according to analysts, can be seen in the decisions of the judges of an appellate court that has been questioned over its rulings in favor of people accused of corruption.

The court reversed a separate tribunal's convictions of businesspeople and officials accused in one of the most important cases investigated by Cicig and prosecutors: irregularities in the purchase of medicine for the social security system.

The same court also protected the late Guatemala City Mayor Álvaro Arzú from being investigated for alleged corruption.

One judge on that court, Beyla Estrada, is married to Morales' spokesman.

But the biggest case investigated by Cicig and prosecutors, known as "The Line," which landed Pérez Molina, then-Vice President Roxana Baldetti and nearly the entire Cabinet behind bars over customs fraud, still has not been tried and the fear is it could be suspended due to a lack of backing from the U.N. commission.

And although chief prosecutor Consuelo Porras has offered to bolster the anti-immunity branch, few have faith in her words. Porras decided not to hire any Guatemalan who has worked with Cicig, depriving the agency of their deep knowledge of the cases.

Porras was picked for the position of top prosecutor by Morales.

Attacks against anti-immunity prosecutors are another fear of activists.

Eleonora Muralles, an activist the group Pro-Justice Movement, said there is fear that the accused will seek revenge.

"We saw all that was invested in the effort to annul this commission and to annul cases. It creates a certain fear that they could try to repress activists, operators of justice and journalists with the intention of reversing everything," Muralles said.

Gálvez said threats against judges have increased.

The tension between Cicig and Morales began in January 2017 following the accusations against his son and brother, and worsened shortly after midway through that year when the commission sought to have Morales' immunity of office

lifted to investigate him for alleged illicit electoral financing.

But Congress protected him, and the president avoided investigation.

Morales decided then not to renew Cicig's mandate, alleging that it had overreached in its actions, and declared Colombian lawyer Iván Velásquez, the commission's chief, persona non grata. He also denied visas and work permits to international employees of Cicig and withdrew government personnel and other support. He tried unsuccessfully to unilaterally bring an end to Cicig's mandate in January 2019, but a ruling by the Constitutional Court allowed Cicig to continue operating. Velásquez had a different fate, as Morales finally blocked his entry into the country.

During its tenure Cicig has broken up 70 criminal networks and resulted in prosecution of 670 people, of whom 70% have a substitute prison measure.

Some 400 sentences have been handed down, there were around 100 requests to lift immunity of public officials and 30 legal initiatives were promoted.

In the financial area, at least \$60 million in compen-

sation was obtained and another \$100 million are in process of seizure from just two of the commission's 120 cases.

Polling this year by the company Pro Datos showed over two-thirds of Guatemalans backed Cicig's performance and a similar percentage were critical of Morales.

For former chief prosecutor Claudia Paz y Paz, Cicig "lifted the veil on the workings of an entire system that has the state co-opted. ... The major legacy of Cicig is consciousness of how those networks function, how stagnation, poverty, exclusion and violence are not accidental in the country."

But Max Quirín, a businessman who was convicted of corruption and then absolved by the appeals court, sees Cicig differently.

In a public letter he said that "it is also appropriate to remember the great number of abuses that it committed, the transgressions against the legal framework that they violated and the perverse actions that they led for political and personal ends."

Award-winning activist Helen Mack recalled that attacks against human rights activists, judicial officials and journalists that followed the 1960-1996 Guatemalan civil war prompted then-President Oscar Berger (2004-2008) to turn to the U.N. for help.

In 2007 the government signed the agreement which was later ratified by Congress for the installation of Cicig in the country, and it was renewed by three governments.

In his concluding speech, Velásquez said the commission's work allowed people to see "the links between politics and corruption and between money laundering and politics; the relationships between judges and lawyers in practices of impunity; networks of drug trafficking and local government; businesspeople illicitly financing political campaigns and receiving the benefits of state contracts; and, in every case, distorting democracy." □

LOCAL



Stickhouse: Italian passion ice cream handmade in Aruba



PALM BEACH — Unique taste and a healthy dessert is what you get with ice cream of Stickhouse Aruba. This artisanal ice cream is handmade on a daily base with fresh fruits and 100 % natural ingredients. Owners Claudia Hernandez and Randolph Arénds fell in love with this product when travelling in Italy and decided to offer you the opportunity to experience the real Italian gelato..... here in Aruba. This is your tasty, vegan, gluten-free and non-dairy treat, indulge in La Dolce Vita!

Picture this: wife Claudia preparing the natural bases of the gelato tastes in her artisanal atelier while husband Randolph works the machines that require some manly strength. "The bases are made with fresh fruits only and go into the malls to freeze. The rules to prepare the gelato are strict and we can only leave them in for a certain time. To get them out I need a lot of strength, it is my daily work-out," Randolph jokes. Their little daughter has the difficult task to try every flavor and give her honest and experienced opinion. This is what they call a family business for real, this ice cream is made with love and passion which are the original ingredients of the Italian



ice makers from the start. Gelato represents one of the most famous and successful Italian histories worldwide. The art of making gelato in Italy has been a family business for a long time, indicative of great passion and creativity handed down from father to son. Thanks to technology and Italian creativity, in 2009 was launched Stickhouse franchising, an innovative project that allows you to taste a gelato on a stick in Aruba daily made with genuine ingredients. A great tradition has been reinvented!

More Than 50 Flavors

Coco, strawberry cheesecake, vanilla, hazelnut, pistachio, chocolate, mango, strawberry, kiwi, watermelon and lemon belong

to your world of choices here. But there is much more. Claudia added some of her Latin spirit with tamarind, Dulce de Leche and soursop. "Remember, this is a full tasty ice cream with vitamins kept in." The success on a stick was soon discovered by other places on the island which resulted in the newest service: delivery of freezers. "The mini market Wine & Spirit at Playa Linda Beach Resort, beach bar Kadushi and the Starbucks at Hyatt resort and restaurant Happy Bowl at Renaissance Marketplace offer their selection of Stickhouse delight. We fill them up on a daily base. And of course besides these locations we have our real Italian ice cream cart with terrace in Paseo Herencia Mall." Stickhouse is not only extremely yummy, Randolph explains that this ice cream can be custom made meaning he can make your gelato on a stick in the colors of the flag or company, anything. "A great idea for a National Day or company event."

Curious about this little touch of Italy? Make sure you find your way to one of the below locations. The ice cart at Paseo is open from 5.30 to 10 PM daily. We know for sure you will be stoked, just like us. Buon appetito! ☐





Article by Etnia Nativa

WhatsApp us 592 2702 and book your Aruban experience!
Etnia Nativa is close to high rise Hotels



Habitat destruction: The Aruban Borrowing Owl

Episode XXXIII

Eco-cide: Is the process of destroying the natural way of life in such a manner that it becomes completely incapable of supporting its native species, turning the land in to something worse than a desert. In an unregulated or unsupervised process of progress, lives that previously used a specific part of the land as their habitat have become victims, exposed to being displaced or destroyed; condemning our native and unique species to extinction is not an option. Addressing government officials, as well as parliamentary representatives of the imminent actions necessary that should be considered against habitat destruction and that nature is to be taken in consideration as condition number one no matter what the plan is. The purpose of developing our tourist industry, has reached its sustainable capability. Reconsidering depleting our natural resources for economic and urbanization purposes. Clearing habitats for hotels, housing, commercial and infrastructure facilities is the principal cause of habitat destruction. Adding to this, the harming effects UTV's causes when off- roads up and down like extras of a Mad Max seen, followed by sand and lime stone mining activities, illegal trashing, dumping and urbanization.

Habitat destruction is currently ranked as the primary cause of species disappearance all over the planet. Imagine on a tiny island like ours, confronting a constant process of natural environmental change that is mainly caused by habitat fragmentation, geological processes as erosion, climate change or by human activities, such as the introduction of invasive species, especially cats and snakes as the boa constrictor, insects, lizards and amphibians of adjacent ecosystems that easily can alter the balance of nature. At this rate of development our: 1. Burrowing owl and the 2. Aruban rattlesnake: *Crotalus durissus unicolor* are close to many of being the next species that runs the same fate as of the 3. Blauduif, or Red-necked: *Columba squamosa* and 4. Lora or Cota, the Yellow-Shouldered Amazon: *Amazona barbadensis*, not to mention these two birds have completely disappeared off the island due to human activities in to their habitat.

The illusion that we must grow economically by taking over nature will soon collect its toll, if we do not act and take our fragile ecosystem in consideration. What is going on now

on Aruba is unprecedented if we see how much ecocide has been taken place lately versus the last 30 years. Encouraged by generous incentives whose only goal is exploiting the property to the max. Human, as well as island resources were to be shared with visitors. The island's way of life, is where all its value rests upon and all we have to offer besides our genuine Aruban friendship our mystic landscapes and ecosystem. We must realize that devaluation and "eco-degradation" occurs with every tree we cut, every building we erect, every emigrant we import, with every habitat we destroy we kill many species. We should guard our patrimony. We must keep the island life, otherwise we will be dealing with a nation severely affected by social problems which demands large public funding to address and resolve many new issues we today can prevent. Social education and Cultural preservation is imminent.

When we talk about owls many of you would think of a large bird, swooping down at night on prey, hooting loudly from a tree, like you have seen on cartoons or movies. However our burrowing owl_ the only species of owls



3. The extinct Blauduif



4: Lora or Cota



1- "Shoco"



2- "Cascabel"

found on Aruba_ hardly fits the mold. This small, spindly-legged owl lives on the ground, is seen hunting during the day, and makes soft cackling sounds
Aruba's Borrowing Owl: 1 (Athene cunicularia arubensis),

known as Shoco, in Papiamentu, which most probably derives from the Caquetian "Xeque", the Aruban endemic sub-species of the burrowing owl family.

Continued on Page 15

Discover an Aruba which no other could share with you. Discover and explore and take your experience home with you. Our renowned indigenous and educative session has been entertaining curious participants for decades. Mail us at etnianativa03@gmail.com to confirm your participation. Our facilities and activities takes place close to your hotels area.

Weekly Free Slot or Table Play for all qualified Club members

2X *Double Point Tuesday!*

Earn DOUBLE POINTS all day long!

Use your Players' Club card to play our slots from 10am to 4am and we'll DOUBLE your points!

THE SHOPS AT ALHAMBRA CASINO

Offering a wide variety of Retail & Dining Outlets, Salon & Spa Services, Souvenirs and more.

Subway | Juan Valdez Café | Dunkin Donuts | Baskin-Robbins
Fusion Piano & Wine Bar | TOF Twist of Flavors | Aruba Aloe
WE'R CUBA | Bijoux Turner Boutique | R-Glass | Curated Lab
Hungry Piranha | The Lazy Lizard | The Market
Shalom Body & Soul Spa | The Collectables

Alhambra
CASINO AND SHOPS

Open daily 10am to 4am | J.E. Irausquin Blvd #47
583.5000 | casinoalhambra.com

Habitat destruction: The Aruban Borrowing Owl

Episode XXXIII

Continued from Page 14

Standing about 7-10 inches tall, this little owl gets its name from where it lives. Burrowing owls are often found in abandoned rodent burrows, old tubes, most often the dig a nest in sand mounds. Far from trees, they nest and live near their burrows. Their brown-mottled feathers help them blend in to the surrounding landscape where they dine on insects, small mammals, and sometimes reptiles and amphibians.

Burrowing owls can be difficult to spot if they are not moving. In addition to their ability to naturally camouflage with their environment, an owl appears from a distance to be just another prairie dog standing sentry near its underground home. An observer must carefully scan a prairie dog colony with binoculars, looking carefully for any movements from the owls. The reward may be seeing the little dancing hops the owls sometimes do as they bob around on their long legs.

Burrowing owls catch food as they walk or run along the ground, and sometimes snatch insects in midair as they fly just above the surface. Much of their food sources are available during the day, but they are also active at night. □



Native artistic interpretations of a Shoco and a Cascabel Owl and Rattlesnake

Minister Schouten and Island Governor Rijna to open new DCNA office

KRALENDIJK — The Dutch Minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Carola Schouten, will open a new office for the Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance during her working visit to Bonaire, together with Island Governor Edison Rijna. DCNA is honored by this important visit and will use the opportunity to advocate the involvement of every Dutch Caribbean island in projects and plans for nature conservation in the Kingdom's beautiful backyard.

Urgent call for support to all islands

The Dutch Caribbean islands have many natural habitats such as coral reefs, mangrove forests, seagrass beds, tropical cloud and rain forests, and caves with a high level of biodiversity (number of plant and animal species). These habitats are under immense human pressure, which is translated into fragile ecosystems with many

endangered species. Nature management organizations are in dire need of additional support from the island and Dutch governments and Europe to be able to protect this precious nature.

"The challenges we face are immense. And those challenges don't only apply to Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius, which have become special municipalities within the Netherlands since 2010. Our sister islands Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten are also facing these challenges, as well as the rest of the Caribbean," explains DCNA Chairwoman Hellen van der Wal.

"If the problems we face are similar and correlated, why wouldn't we look for solutions together? After all, we are one Kingdom! It seems to be a logical conclusion, but unfortunately, reality is more complicated than that, because the former Netherlands Antilles was dissolved. The Kingdom of the

Netherlands now consists of the Netherlands, the public entities Bonaire, Saba and Sint Eustatius (the so-called BES islands, which are part of the Netherlands on a constitutional level), and three autonomous countries, Aruba, Curaçao and Sint Maarten. We've seen a lot of financial support and project proposals for the BES islands.

We are advocating to include the three autonomous islands in all projects and plans involving nature conservation. At their own costs if necessary or via alternative financing. DCNA is more than willing to play a mediating role."

Dutch Caribbean Nature Alliance

DCNA is a non-profit foundation that has been working with dedicated nature management organizations on the six Dutch Caribbean islands Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, Sint Eustatius and Sint



Maarten since 2005 to protect biodiversity and stimulate sustainable nature conservation. By working together and sharing skills, knowledge and resources, the DCNA is able to maintain a solid network and support nature conservation in the entire Dutch Caribbean. DCNA also provides the parks with sustainable financial resources. The collaboration of the six Caribbean islands, as part of DCNA, is unique for the Kingdom and, according to Hellen van der Wal, many other authorities and organizations can learn from this example.

Opening New Office

The DCNA is honored that Minister Schouten and Island Governor Rijna recognize the importance of the DCNA's regional partnership and that they are willing to officially open the new office. During this opening, DCNA's new director, Mr. Tadzio Bervoets, will also be introduced. DCNA's secretariat is located in Bonaire and has recently moved to a new location at Kaya Nikiboko Zuid 56. □



Honoring of Loyal and Friendly visitors at Marriott Ocean Club



PALM BEACH — Recently, Darline de Cuba of the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure to honor Aruba's loyal and friendly visitors Goodwill Ambassadors. The symbolic certificate is presented on behalf of the Minister of Tourism, as a token of appreciation to the guests who visit Aruba 30 years and more consecutively.

The honorees were **Ralph & Laurretta Camardelli residents of West Grove Pennsylvania**

The lovely couple stated that they love the island very much, especially for the year-round sunny weather, nice sandy beaches, its safety, the delicious variety of foods and Aruba's warm and friendly people.

De Cuba together with the representatives of Marriott Ocean Club presented the certificates to the honoree, handed over some presents and also thanked her for choosing Aruba as her favorite vacation destination and as her home away from home. □



SPORTS



Erik Jones celebrates his victory after a NASCAR Cup Series auto race on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. Jones held off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch to win the rain-delayed Southern 500 that ended early Monday morning.

Associated Press

Erik Jones holds off Busch to win rain-delayed Southern 500

By PETE IACOBELLI
AP Sports Writer

DARLINGTON, S.C. (AP) —

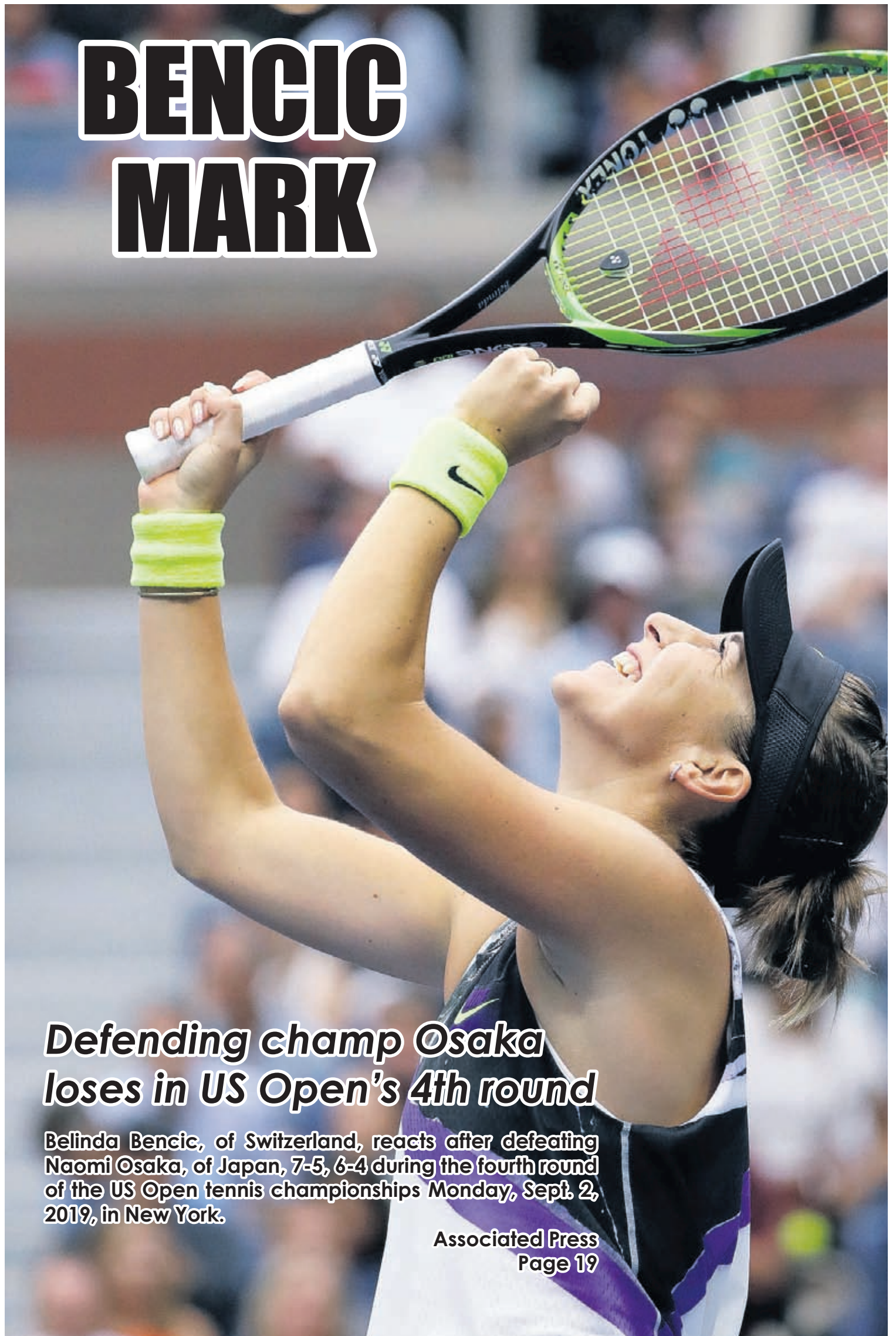
Erik Jones used every bit of stamina he had at Darlington Raceway. Few know better than Jones the effort it took to hold off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch and win the rain-delayed Southern 500. "I'm mentally drained," he said with a smile. "I'm physically drained."

Jones took the lead from Kyle Larson 85 laps from the end and stayed in front of Busch the rest of the way to add a win at iconic Darlington Raceway with his first NASCAR Cup Series victory at Daytona in July 2018.

"It's pretty crazy, right," he said. "I'm not a hugely emotional guy, but to get a win here means a lot to me."

Continued on Page 21

BENCIC MARK



Defending champ Osaka loses in US Open's 4th round

Belinda Bencic, of Switzerland, reacts after defeating Naomi Osaka, of Japan, 7-5, 6-4 during the fourth round of the US Open tennis championships Monday, Sept. 2, 2019, in New York.

Associated Press
Page 19



Wes Short Jr., of Austin, Texas, celebrates winning the PGA Tour Champion's Shaw Charity Classic golf event in Calgary, Alberta, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019.

Associated Press

Wes Short Jr. birdies final hole to win Shaw Charity Classic

CALGARY, Alberta (AP)

— Wes Short Jr. took full advantage of a fortunate bounce.

Short made a short birdie putt on the final hole to win the Shaw Charity Classic by one stroke on Sunday.

His second shot on the par 5, 18th hole at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club just cleared the water before bouncing off a rock and onto the green. "I caught a little bit of a thin three wood and pushed it a little bit," Short said. "I thought it might have been over, but it hit a rock and kicked up on the green. It was a really good break." After his eagle attempt came up short, he tapped in a three-foot putt for a final-round 4-under 66 and a 13-under 267 total — just ahead of two-time defending champion Scott McCarron.

"It probably looked five, six feet and I was sure glad it went in," Short said. "All the hard work you put into this stupid game comes to the top." Short's final round included six birdies and two bogeys to give the 55-year-old golfer from Austin, Texas, just his second-ever PGA Tour Champions victory. His last one was also in Canada at the 2014 Quebec Championship.

The start of the final round of the three-day event was delayed by 30 minutes due to thick fog and golfers also had to battle chilly condi-

tions at Canyon Meadows Golf and Country Club until it warmed up in the afternoon. McCarron rolled in a 39-foot putt for eagle on the 18th hole to card a round of 5-under 65, which pulled him into a tie for the lead with Short and Tom Gillis at 12 under.

"It was going a little faster than I wanted, kind of banged the stick and went in," McCarron said. "Just to do that to have a chance was really cool, but I shouldn't have put myself in that position to begin with." The Charles Schwab Cup points leader then watched as Short made his clutch birdie, while Gillis fell back into fourth at 10 under with a double bogey on the last hole.

"Wes obviously got a great break on 18, hit the rocks in the hazard and bounced on the green and birdied it to win the tournament," said McCarron, who had bogeys on 16 and 17 before his eagle on the final hole. "Sometimes those things happen when you win. He got the good breaks and I made a few bad swings with poor timing, unfortunately."

Second-round leader Steve Flesch shot 69 to fall back into third at 11 under. "I wanted to play aggressively and I drove it great and I ironed it okay on the front, but I just didn't make any putts today," Flesch said. □



Hannah Green, of Australia, poses with the trophy after winning the LPGA Cambia Portland Classic golf tournament in Portland, Ore., Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019.

Associated Press

Hannah Green rallies past Noh to win Portland Classic

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)

— Australia's Hannah Green overcame a three-shot deficit with a final round 5-under 67 Sunday to win the Portland Classic and deny teenager Yealimi Noh's bid to become the third Monday qualifier to win on the LPGA Tour.

Green erased a three-shot deficit with two birdies over the final four holes at Columbia Edgewater Country Club. She finished at 21 under and won for the second time this season. She claimed the KPMG Women's PGA Championship in June.

The 22-year-old Green, one of five two-time winners on tour this year, said she relied on her experience in winning her first major earlier this summer.

"I think I can definitely say that KPMG, having that experience, definitely helped me, especially the last five holes," Green said. "Grinding out and making sure that I stayed patient."

The 18-year-old Noh, who turned down an offer to play for UCLA and instead went pro in February, led by three strokes entering the final round and held

the same margin after 14 holes. But, she struggled down the stretch and settled for a final-round 71 and 20 under.

Down three strokes after Noh made a birdie at the 14th, Green knew she needed to make a move. "I guess that's when you really need to hang in there," Green said. "I was just really happy that I was hitting fairways and greens, like giving myself some opportunities. ... I had some bad strokes out there and completely missed the hole, but when I was holing putts, you know, they are in the middle, so I was really happy about that."

Green closed within two strokes with a birdie at the 15th and was within one after Noh made bogey at No. 16. Green forged a tie at 21 under with a clutch birdie putt at the 17th.

"I felt like I was reading greens really well all day but towards the end, I wasn't sure if I was over-reading them, so I had my caddie — I told him what point I was looking at, and I asked whether, what his opinion was and whether he thinks it was too much

or too less," Green said. "I think just hearing that confirmation to say, yeah, that's the right line, is just what I needed. Especially on the putt on 17."

Green made par on the 72nd hole and Noh, after hitting her second shot over the green and sending her third a good distance past the hole, made bogey.

"It was all going good till 16 I think, just the last two bogeys on 16, and 18, really hurts, because I was playing OK up until that," Noh said. "I really thought I could hang in there, but just made a couple mistakes."

Noh was playing in her seventh tour event this year, with her best finish a tie for sixth at the Thornberry Creek Classic in early July. She was trying to join Canadian Brooke Henderson, who won the 2015 Portland Classic, and Laurel Kean, a winner at the State Farm LPGA Classic in 2000, as the only qualifiers to win in LPGA history.

Brittany Altomare carded a 69 and finished third at 17 under. Henderson (71) and Nasa Hataoka (66) tied for fourth at 15 under. □

'18 champ Osaka loses to Bencic at U.S. Open

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**

AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Naomi Osaka's achy left knee didn't let her serve without pain, so she didn't practice that key part of her game leading into the U.S. Open. The knee also prevented her from covering the court and preparing for shots the way she'd like.

Those weren't the only reasons that the No. 1-seeded Osaka's 10-match winning streak at the U.S. Open and title defense ended Monday in the fourth round. Belinda Bencic's clean, crisp strokes, struck with the ball still on the rise, contributed plenty to the outcome, too. Osaka joined 2018 men's champion Novak Djokovic on the sideline before the quarterfinals, exiting with a 7-5, 6-4 loss to the 13th-seeded Bencic under a closed roof at Arthur Ashe Stadium on a rainy afternoon.

Djokovic stopped playing in his fourth-rounder Sunday night because of a problematic left shoulder.

"I honestly didn't move well today. You know what I mean? I felt like I was always flat-footed. ... The knee was a little bit annoying in the movement aspect," Osaka said. "But I think that that's something I should have overcome."

As for her powerful serve, Osaka called it "inconsistent," saying she hadn't been working on it coming into the year's last Grand Slam tournament "because I can't really land on my leg that great."

Osaka has been wearing a black sleeve on the knee and was given a pain-killing pill by a trainer midway through the second set Monday.

By then, Bencic was up a set and a break, employing a quick-strike style of taking balls early and snapping them back, rushing Osaka and not leaving her not enough time to respond. It worked before: Bencic is now 3-0 against Osaka in 2019.

"I don't have the biggest power. Don't have the most winners or most aces. But I think I can really read



Naomi Osaka, of Japan, waves to the crowd after a 7-5, 6-4 loss to Belinda Bencic, of Switzerland, during the fourth round of the US Open tennis championships Monday, Sept. 2, 2019, in New York.

Associated Press

the opponent's game well," said Bencic, who will face No. 23 Donna Vekic of Croatia in the quarterfinals. "I definitely try to do that against anyone, not only against her."

Bencic finished with far more winners, 29, than unforced errors, 12, and showed once again that she is a big-match player. She owns a tour-leading nine victories over top-10 opponents in 2019 and is 4-1 for her career against top-ranked players.

Bencic is 22, just a year older than Osaka, but her progress was slowed in recent years by injuries, including wrist surgery.

Back in 2014, when she was 17, Bencic became the youngest woman into the U.S. Open quarterfinals since 1997, when another Swiss woman, Martina Hingis, took the title.

Hingis' mother, Melanie Molitor, used to coach Bencic, and five-time major champion Hingis herself has served as a mentor. Bencic said she likes to emulate the way Hingis used to play, always thinking a move or two — or more —

ahead.

"With Melanie, we didn't try to copy Martina's game. We tried to make my own game. And obviously, I know there are similarities, because that's the way Melanie teaches, but it was about making my own strengths and my own game style," Bencic said. "I play, of course, a little bit different than Martina. I think she was even more skilled and smarter on the court and playing more chess. I think I have a little bit less maybe talent and touch than her, but maybe a little bit more power."

In men's action, No. 6 Alexander Zverev was undone by 17 double-faults and bowed out to No. 20 Diego Schwartzman 3-6, 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.

"My first serve is still fine. My second serve needs to be worked on," Zverev said. "But I'll deal with it."

Schwartzman's quarterfinal foe will be No. 2 Rafael Nadal or No. 22 Marin Cilic, who played Monday night. No. 24 Matteo Berrettini gave Italy its first U.S. Open men's quarterfinalist since 1977 and made it this far

himself for the first time at any major with a 6-1, 6-4, 7-6 (6) victory over Andrey Rublev. Berrettini now plays No. 13 Gael Monfils, who overwhelmed Pablo Andujar 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.

Osaka made her breakthrough at Flushing Meadows a year ago, winning her first major championship by beating Serena Williams in a chaotic final that devolved after Williams got into an extended argument with the chair umpire. Osaka followed that up with a second consecutive Grand Slam trophy at the Australian Open in January. That allowed her to become the first tennis player representing Japan to reach No. 1 in the rankings. This loss means that Osaka will cede that top spot to No. 2 Ash Barty, who lost her fourth-round match Sunday.

"Right now, I have this feeling of sadness," said Osaka, who lost in the third round at the French Open and first round at Wimbledon, "but I also feel like I have learned so much during this tournament. Honestly, of course, I wanted to defend

this tournament."

Another women's quarterfinal will pit No. 25 Elise Mertens of Belgium against No. 15 Bianca Andreescu of Canada or qualifier Taylor Townsend of the U.S. Mertens advanced by beating wild-card entry Kristie Ahn of the U.S. 6-1, 6-1. Ahn carried heavy tape jobs on her right arm and left leg.

Vekic, a 23-year-old from Croatia, reached her first Grand Slam quarterfinal by saving a match point and edging No. 26 Julia Goerges of Germany 6-7 (5), 7-5, 6-3.

"I don't even know how I won this match," Vekic said.

Well, here's how: Goerges served for the victory at 5-4 in the second set, coming within one point of ending things right there. Not only couldn't Goerges convert that match point, but she also double-faulted three times in the game and unraveled from there, wasting a 21-ace effort.

"It's not about that service game," Goerges said, perhaps trying to persuade herself. □

Catch your own dinner with Driftwood!

Motto at Driftwood Restaurant: Hook and Cook your Own Fish!



Oranjestad- Renaissance Marina Downtown is home to the Driftwood Fishing Charters, the successful fishermen of the established seafood restaurant Driftwood. Herby senior and Herby Junior both share a passion and love for fishing. They know what the local waters have to offer and what fresh fish really means. Over 30 years ago, the idea for the fishing charter was born.

Captain Herby would catch the fish to be served at the restaurant the same day. That concept still lives, what is 'hooked' during the day is cooked in the evening at the restaurant.

Herby shares his experience with his crew, who take out guests daily on their tournament rigged 35ft twin engine

Bertram "Driftwood" or on their more spacious 37ft twin engine Bertram called "Living Easy". Both yachts are available for charters from 8am to 12 noon, or from 1 to 5pm (6-hour trips also available). To book a fishing charter visit www.driftwoodfishingcharters.com or call Herbert direct at (297)-5924040.



Have an authentic seafood dining experience at Driftwood Restaurant, situated in the characteristic downtown Oranjestad. This comfortable downtown restaurant has a long tradition (30 years) of serving the freshest fish, the biggest shrimp, and the most succulent Caribbean Lobster.

Opening Hours: 5:00pm to 10:30pm (closed on Sundays)

For reservations visit www.driftwoodaruba.com or call (297)-5832515

Address: Klipstraat 12. Oranjestad, Aruba

U.S. sprint star Christian Coleman cleared of doping violation

By **EDDIE PELLAS AP**
National Writer

Top sprinter Christian Coleman will be eligible for this month's world championships and next year's Olympics after the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency dropped his case for missed tests because of a technicality. Coleman is the reigning U.S. champion and a favorite in the 100 meters, a distance at which he holds the world-leading time over the past three years. The worlds begin Sept. 28 in Qatar, where Coleman will be looking to add to the silver medal he won in 2017. In that race, he finished a spot ahead of Usain Bolt, who was running in his last 100.

Coleman faced a possible sanction for three "whereabouts failures" over a 12-month period.

That meant he either did not fill out forms telling authorities where he could be found, or he wasn't where

he said he'd be when they came to test.

But the World Anti-Doping

Agency said Monday that because there weren't three failures within 12 months it would not pursue the case.



In this July 26, 2019, file photo, Christian Coleman celebrates as he wins the men's 100-meter dash final at the U.S. Championships athletics meet, in Des Moines, Iowa.

Associated Press

Agency's interpretation of the rule backdated his first failure to April 1, 2018, instead of the date it actually occurred, June 6, 2018. His final failure was April 26, 2019. USADA said Monday

that because there weren't three failures within 12 months it would not pursue the case. "Consistent application of the global anti-doping rules is essential in every case," USADA CEO Travis Tygart said. "In this case, we applied the rules to Mr. Cole-

man in the manner that USADA understands should be applied to any other international-level athlete. We must approach every case with the primary goal of delivering fairness to athletes under the rules and providing transparency and consistency in order to build their trust and support for the anti-doping system." USADA said in 2018 and 2019, Coleman has provided his whereabouts information on time every quarter and has been tested by USADA on 20 separate occasions.

Both WADA and the organization that handles doping cases for track's international federation has the right to pursue the case, though it's not expected they will.

Shortly after details about the case went public, Coleman released a statement saying "what has been widely reported concerning filing violations is simply

not true," and that he expected to be cleared.

Had WADA authorities not given him a friendly interpretation of when the clock starts on a whereabouts failure, he could have faced a case with a potential for a two-year ban.

An interpretation of the rule in the official WADA document says a "filing failure will be deemed to have occurred on the first day of the quarter for which the Athlete fails to make a (sufficient) filing."

In this case, the first day of the quarter was April 1. Coleman's "filing failure" — not being where he said he would be for a test — came June 6 because he was not in the place he said he'd be in the form filled out April 1.

This rule is being rewritten to eliminate confusion for a new version of the code, which takes effect in 2021. □



In this Sunday, June 2, 2019 file photo, Ecuador's Richard Carapaz celebrates after winning the Giro D'Italia cycling race, in Verona, Italy.

Associated Press

Nairo Quintana leaves Movistar for French team Arkea Samsic

PARIS (AP) — Two-time grand tour winner Nairo Quintana is leaving his Movistar team to join French cycling outfit Arkea Samsic next season.

The 29-year-old Colombian climber won the Giro d'Italia and the Spanish Vuelta and has been runner-up twice in the Tour de France in his eight seasons with Movistar.

He will join Warren Barguil at Arkea, which has also signed Quintana's brother, Dayer, along with Diego Rosa and Winner Anacona for next year.

"It's a turning point in my career. I was looking for a team in which I was going to be happy," Quintana said on Monday. "My ambitions are the same. Personally, the goal is to fight

for victory on the Tour de France."

Quintana is leading the Spanish Vuelta after nine stages, seeking to repeat his victory in the three-week race in 2016.

But after several successful seasons, Quintana's performance has slipped as he had to share leadership roles with other riders at Movistar.

For Movistar, Quintana's departure comes as the team undergoes a major overhaul. Richard Carapaz, the Giro winner this year, has signed with Ineos, while Mikel Landa has left for Bahrain-Merida.

To replace that talent, Movistar has signed 24-year-old Enric Mas, considered to be the rising star in Spanish cycling. □

Roldan scores twice, Sounders beat Galaxy

By The Associated Press

SEATTLE (AP) — Cristian Roldan scored his second goal of the game in the 89th minute to give the Seattle Sounders a 4-3 victory over the Los Angeles Galaxy on Sunday in a matchup of teams vying for second place in the Western Conference. The teams combined for four goals in the final 15 minutes of the game — two for each side.

Jordan Morris, who had given the Sounders a 3-2

lead in the 77th, helped set up Roldan's game-winner with a pass into the penalty area from the left wing side. Brad Smith sent it toward the right side, and Roldan ran onto it at the top right corner of the 6-yard box. His shot went off diving Galaxy goalkeeper David Bingham into the back right corner of the net. The Sounders (13-8-7) took over sole possession of second with 46 points. □



Erik Jones poses for a photo with his trophy after winning a NASCAR Cup Series auto race on Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, at Darlington Raceway in Darlington, S.C. Jones held off Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Kyle Busch to win the rain-delayed Southern 500 that ended early Monday morning.

Associated Press

Southern 500

Continued from Page 17

Some had wondered if the 23-year-old Jones was the soft spot in the JGR powerhouse as Busch, Denny Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr. had all won four times apiece this season while Jones' No. 20 was winless.

"Is there anything more to say?" Jones asked as the crowd cheered.

Not anymore. Jones' victory means all four of Joe Gibbs' drivers has taken the checkered flag and are locked into the NASCAR playoffs that start in two weeks. "It takes a lot to beat them," Jones of his teammates. "Especially when you're racing the same equipment." To have the win come at Darlington made it even more special for Jones. "This is one of those races for me that has always held a special place. You think of NASCAR, you think of Darlington," he said. Larson was second, his third top three finish at Darlington in the past four years. He led 497 laps during that stretch, including 44 in this one. Busch, who started in the back after swapping out an engine after qualifying, got up to Jones' bumper near the end. But he brushed the wall on the next-to-last lap and ended third.

"We kind of lost control that

pit stop where we came in the leader and came out third," Busch said. "I thought if we could keep in touch with (Jones and Larson), keep close to them, we might be able to out-pit road them at the end of the race. We got by one of them, but not the other one. But overall, good day." Busch clinched the regular-season points lead. Kevin Harvick was fourth and Brad Keselowski was fifth. Clint Bowyer was sixth followed by the winner of the opening stage, Kurt Busch, Matt DiBenedetto, Paul Menard and Austin Dillon. **PLAYOFF STREAK:** Jimmie Johnson made some headway on his quest for a 16th straight playoff appearance, but was hindered when he was caught up in a final stage crash that bumped him back to 16th at the Southern 500. Johnson trimmed his playoff deficit from 26 points to 18. Still, he'll likely need a win in Indianapolis next week to qualify for the postseason.

"We're running out of days and if we miss it, it's going to be by a few (points) I believe," Johnson said. "I can look back over the first half of the season and see a lot of races where we gave away a few points."

HAMLIN'S LOST WEEKEND: Denny Hamlin came in the

hottest driver in NASCAR and left the Darlington weekend wondering what went wrong.

He was caught up in that final-stage accident and wound up 29th, his second-worst placing of the season. On Saturday, Hamlin crossed the line first in the Xfinity race, but was disqualified when his car failed post-race inspection. **RAIN DELAY:** Heavy storms Sunday delayed the start by more than four hours. Drivers were going through introductions shortly before the scheduled 6 p.m. start when skies got dark and heavy rain began. Crews covered up cars and racers grabbed umbrellas as they headed back through the garage areas to wait out the storm. Darlington earlier announced it had sold out its reserved seating. Most fans also sought shelter, although some stayed out. One was interviewed on the NBC Sports broadcast by NASCAR driver Clint Bowyer.

When fan told him he came to see a race and didn't care about the wet weather, Bowyer shouted, "That, ladies and gentleman, is a race fan."

At one point, drivers Bubba Wallace and Corey LaJoie came out on the wet track to throw a football with fans in the stands. □

Kingery lifts Phillies over Mets 5-2 to avoid sweep

By The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Scott Kingery snapped an eighth-inning tie with a three-run double and Philadelphia beat New York to avoid a three-game sweep.

Brad Miller hit a solo homer and a double for the Phillies, who pulled within 2½ games of the Chicago Cubs for the second NL wild card.

Pete Alonso hit his 43rd homer and Wilson Ramos extended his hitting streak to 25 consecutive games with a fourth-inning double for the Mets, who are four games behind the Cubs.

Daniel Zamora (0-1), who was just recalled from the minors, took the loss.

Hector Neris (3-5) got the final five outs for Philadelphia.

Phillies starter Zach Eflin pitched seven stellar innings, allowing only Alonso's first-inning homer and two other hits.

Mets starter Marcus Stroman also pitched well, giving up two runs on seven hits with six strikeouts and two walks in six-plus innings.

NATIONALS 9, MARLINS 3

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ryan Zimmerman celebrated his return from the injured list with one of Washington's four home runs and the Nationals completed a series sweep of Miami.

Zimmerman, who was reinstated Sunday after missing 36 games with Plantar Fasciitis in his right foot, connected for a two-run shot. Juan Soto and Anthony Rendon each homered for the second consecutive game for Washington, while Yan Gomes also had a home run.

Rendon set a new Nationals (2005-present) single-season record for RBIs with 111. Vladimir Guerrero holds the franchise record of 131 set in 1999 when the team was in Montreal.

Washington, the NL wild card leader, has won four straight and nine of 10.

Nationals starter Patrick Corbin (11-6) allowed three runs on three hits over six innings. He struck out eight and walked three.

Starlin Castro homered for Miami, which saw its fran-



Philadelphia Phillies' Scott Kingery runs for third base during the third inning of a baseball game against the New York Mets, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019, in Philadelphia.

chise-record road losing streak extend to 15 games. Starter Caleb Smith (8-9) gave up seven runs in 5 1/3 innings.

CARDINALS 4, REDS 3, 1ST GAME

REDS 5, CARDINALS 3, 2ND GAME

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Nick Senzel and Phillip Ervin hit solo home runs, Luis Castillo pitched six effective innings and Cincinnati Reds beat St. Louis in the nightcap to split a doubleheader and end a four-game losing streak. With the 4-3 win in the first game and the Chicago Cubs' 4-0 loss to Milwaukee, the Cardinals gained a half game in the NL Central to increase their division lead to three games. St. Louis has only lost two of its past 11 games and is 12-3 in its past 15. Castillo (14-5) lasted six innings, giving up three runs and five hits with three walks. He struck out eight as the Reds' pitchers had 11 in the game. Daniel Ponce de Leon (1-2) allowed four runs — three earned — and five hits with a walk, and a hit batter in four-plus innings.

The Cardinals Andrew Knizer hit his second homer of the season, a two-run shot that was part of a three-run third for St. Louis. Kolten Wong had three hits, including a triple, and an RBI. In the first game, Harrison Bader continued his hit parade with a game-ending single to lift the Cardinals to

the win. Bader, facing five infielders with no one out, lofted a fly ball off Michael Lorenzen (0-4) to deep right field to bring in pinch-runner Tyler O'Neill.

Eugenio Suarez homered for the Reds.

Carlos Martinez (4-2) picked up the victory by striking out the side in the ninth on 13 pitches.

BREWERS 4, CUBS 0

CHICAGO (AP) — Christian Yelich hit a three-run homer off Craig Kimbrel in the ninth inning, and Milwaukee shut out Chicago for the second straight game. Milwaukee took two of three in the weekend series to pull within three games of Chicago for the second NL wild card.

After Gio González walked four in three hitless innings, Jay Jackson (1-0) got six outs for his first major league win. Drew Pomeranz got two big outs in the eighth before Josh Hader finished the four-hitter.

Tyler Chatwood (5-3) took the loss. The Cubs left nine runners on base and went 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

PIRATES 6, ROCKIES 2

DENVER (AP) — Steven Brault hit his first major league homer and pitched effectively into the seventh inning to lead Pittsburgh over Colorado for a four-game sweep.

Adam Frazier homered on the first pitch of the game, the second straight day the

Pirates did that.

Brault (4-3) allowed only one hit until Nolan Arenado lined a two-out fastball into the seats in left field in the sixth for his 35th home run. Brault left in the seventh when the Rockies got a run on two hits and an error, but Richard Rodriguez got out of the jam by fanning Trevor Story.

Brault socked a solo homer that made it 3-1 in the top of the seventh. He allowed just one earned run and four hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Josh Bell and Colin Moran each hit an RBI single for the Pirates. Bryan Reynolds had three hits.

Jeff Hoffman (1-5) took the loss.

PADRES 8, GIANTS 4

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Ty France homered twice, Greg Garcia hit a leadoff drive and San Diego beat San Francisco as Giants fans gave one more cheer for Pablo Sandoval.

Sandoval grounded out as a pinch-hitter in what could be his final game with the Giants. The 33-year-old former World Series MVP was activated off the injured list earlier in the day for a final at-bat under retiring manager Bruce Bochy.

Sandoval will undergo season-ending surgery on his right elbow Wednesday. Eric Hosmer doubled, singled and tripled in his first three at-bats for San Diego. With a chance at the cycle, he walked in the sev-

enth inning and struck out in the ninth.

Eric Lauer (8-8) beat the Giants for the third time this season. He struck out nine and allowed four runs in six innings. Kevin Pillar hit his 20th home run for San Francisco. Evan Longoria added a two-run shot.

Jeff Samardzija (9-11) took the loss.

DODGERS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 3, 11 INNINGS

PHOENIX (AP) — Cody Bellinger hit a tying homer in the ninth inning, pinch-hitter Joc Pederson went deep in the 11th and Los Angeles prevented a four-game sweep with a win over Arizona.

In a frightening scene, Dodgers reliever Dustin May was hit in the head by a line drive and stayed down for a few anxious moments in the middle of a hushed ballpark. But the pitcher ultimately stood up, was checked by a trainer and walked off the field without help.

Russell Martin and David Freese also hit solo shots for the NL West leaders, who stopped Arizona's six-game winning streak. Los Angeles raised its season total to 238 homers, a franchise record. Pederson led off the 11th and sent a full-count pitch from Taylor Clarke (4-5) high into the right field seats for his 28th home run. Bellinger's 43rd of the year came with one out in the ninth off Andrew Chafin.

Pedro Baez got three outs for his first save of the season. Casey Sadler (4-0) earned the win. Taylor Clarke (4-5) took the loss.

BRAVES 5, WHITE SOX 3

ATLANTA (AP) — Freddie Freeman homered twice off All-Star Lucas Giolito and drove in five runs, providing all the offense for Atlanta against Chicago.

The Braves have won four straight are 12-2 since Aug. 16, moving 30 games over .500 for the first time since 2013. They have won a season-best nine straight home games to stay 5½ games ahead in the NL East.

The White Sox have lost six in a row. Giolito (14-8) allowed four runs and four hits. □

Verlander pitches 3rd no-hitter, Astros beat Blue Jays 2-0

By The Associated Press

TORONTO (AP) — Justin Verlander pitched his third career no-hitter, punctuating a dominant season with an overpowering performance to lead the Houston Astros past the Toronto Blue Jays 2-0 on Sunday.

Verlander struck out 14 and allowed just one runner, walking Cavan Biggio with one out in the first inning.

Verlander also became the first pitcher to throw two no-hitters as a visitor in the same park — he also threw one at Rogers Centre in 2011 with Detroit.

His other no-no was in 2007 for the Tigers against Milwaukee.

The 36-year-old Verlander joined Nolan Ryan (seven), Sandy Koufax (four) and Bob Feller, Cy Young and Larry Corcoran (three) in rarefied air on the no-hitter list.

Verlander threw a season-high 120 pitches, mixing a fastball that reached the upper 90s mph with a sharp curve.

Verlander (17-5) is tied for the big league lead in wins. He tops the majors in strikeouts (257) and innings (193) and leads the AL with a 2.56 ERA.

Verlander retired the last 26 hitters in a row. But the game was scoreless going into the last inning — according to baseball rules, Verlander needed to pitch a complete game to get credit for a no-hitter.

That's when Canadian-born rookie Abraham Toro stepped up for the AL West leaders.

The Astros newcomer hit a two-out, two-run homer in the ninth inning off Ken Giles (2-3) that cleared the way for Verlander to complete the no-hitter.

YANKEES 5, ATHLETICS 4

NEW YORK (AP) — Brett Gardner and pinch-hitter Mike Ford hit back-to-back homers off A's closer Liam Hendriks, and New York rallied from four runs down and walked off for the second straight game.

Gardner led off the ninth with a shot to right off Hendriks (4-2) and Ford followed with his 10th homer into the Yankees bullpen in

right-center. A's left-hander Sean Manaea pitched one-hit ball over five innings

Michael Pineda (11-5) got the win, giving up two runs on five hits and a walk in six

swept a critical series between postseason contenders.



Houston Astros starting pitcher Justin Verlander reacts after pitching a no-hitter against the Toronto Blue Jays in a baseball game in Toronto, Sunday, Sept. 1, 2019.

Associated Press

in his first start since shoulder surgery last September, and Oakland led 4-0 after 7 1/2 innings.

Adam Ottavino (6-4) pitched a scoreless inning to win.

TWINS 8, TIGERS 3

DETROIT (AP) — Jake Cave and Nelson Cruz each drove in two runs and Minnesota beat Detroit.

The Twins increased their lead in the AL Central to 5 1/2 games over Cleveland.

Detroit has lost seven of eight and still needs four wins at Comerica Park to avoid becoming the first big league team to lose 60 games at home in a season.

Cave's two-run single highlighted a five-run second inning.

innings.

He struck out nine.

Spencer Turnbull (3-14) took the loss, allowing six runs on eight hits and three walks in 4 2/3 innings.

RAYS 8, INDIANS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Carlos Carrasco made his return to the mound from leukemia Sunday and the Cleveland pitcher was applauded by both teams in a touching scene Tampa Bay victory.

The right-hander entered in the seventh inning for his first major league appearance since being diagnosed with a treatable form of leukemia in June.

Charlie Morton earned his 14th win and Travis d'Arnaud had two RBIs off the bench as Tampa Bay

Morton (14-6) allowed one run and four hits in 5 1/3 innings.

He struck out eight, walked three and threw a season-high 108 pitches.

Nate Lowe hit a two-run homer for the Rays, who moved a half-game ahead of Cleveland for the top AL wild card.

Indians starter Adam Plutko (6-4) allowed four runs and six hits in 4 1/3 innings.

ROYALS 6, ORIOLES 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Adalberto Mondesi matched a career high with four hits and stole three bases in his return from the injured list, leading Kansas City past Baltimore.

Meibrys Vioria drove in the go-ahead run for the Royals with a two-out single in

the seventh inning. Kansas City took two of three in a series.

Mondesi led off the seventh with his third hit and stole second.

With two outs, Alex Gordon drove him in with a tying double, and Gordon scored on Vioria's single to make it 5-4.

Whit Merrifield added a solo homer in the eighth.

Kevin McCarthy (3-2) tossed 1 2/3 scoreless innings of relief for the win.

Ian Kennedy pitched a perfect ninth for his 25th save in 28 chances.

Paul Fry (1-7) took the loss.

MARINERS 11, RANGERS 3

ARLINGTON, Texas (AP) — Kyle Seager, Tom Murphy and Daniel Vogelbach hit home runs and Seattle beat Texas.

Seager sealed the victory with a three-run homer in the eighth inning.

Yusei Kikuchi (6-9) benefited from Seattle's four first-inning runs.

Dee Gordon chased Brett Martin (1-3) from the game after just two outs with a two-run single.

Kikuchi allowed three runs in five innings. He has exceeded five innings in only one of his last six starts.

The teams split the four-game set. Seattle won the season series 12-7.

RED SOX 4, ANGELS 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Xander Bogaerts had three hits, including a homer, and three RBIs as the Boston beat Los Angeles.

J.D. Martinez also went deep for the Red Sox, who went 6-2 on the trip and have won 11 of their last 15 to get within five games of the second AL wild card.

Albert Pujols had an RBI double in the third inning for his 3,185th career hit, passing Cal Ripken Jr. for 14th place.

Justin Upton homered in the eighth.

Bogaerts and Martinez went back-to-back in the third.

Ryan Weber (2-2), the third of six Boston pitchers, gave up one hit and a walk in two innings to get the win.

Andrew Heaney (3-4) went five innings and permitted four runs on seven hits. □

AI-powered cameras become new tool against mass shootings

By IVAN MORENO

Associated Press

Paul Hildreth peered at a display of dozens of images from security cameras surveying his Atlanta school district and settled on one showing a woman in a bright yellow shirt walking a hallway.

A mouse click instructed the artificial intelligence-equipped system to find other images of the woman, and it immediately stitched them into a video narrative of where she was currently, where she had been and where she was going.

There was no threat, but Hildreth's demonstration showed what's possible with AI-powered cameras. If a gunman were in one of his schools, the cameras could quickly identify the shooter's location and movements, allowing police to end the threat as soon as possible, said Hildreth, emergency operations coordinator for the Fulton County School District.

AI is transforming surveillance cameras from passive sentries into active observers that can identify people, suspicious behavior and guns, amassing large amounts of data that help them learn over time to recognize mannerisms, gait and dress. If the cameras have a previously captured image of someone who is banned from a building, the system can immediately alert officials if the person returns.

At a time when the threat of a mass shooting is ever-present, schools are among the most enthusiastic adopters of the technology, known as real-time video analytics or intelligent video, even as civil liberties groups warn about a threat to privacy. Police, retailers, stadiums and Fortune 500 companies are also using intelligent video.

"What we're really looking for are those things that help us to identify things either before they occur or maybe right as they occur so that we can react a little faster," Hildreth said.

A year after an expelled



In this July 30, 2019, photo, Paul Hildreth, emergency operations coordinator for the Fulton County School District, works in the emergency operations center at the Fulton County School District Administration Center in Atlanta.

student killed 17 people at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida, Broward County installed cameras from Canada-based Avigilon throughout the district in February. Hildreth's Atlanta district will spend \$16.5 million to put the cameras in its roughly 100 buildings in coming years.

In Greeley, Colorado, the school district has used Avigilon cameras for about five years, and the technology has advanced rapidly, said John Tait, security manager for Weld County School District 6.

Upcoming upgrades include the ability to identify guns and read people's expressions, a capability not currently part of Avigilon's systems.

Retailers can spot shoplifters in real time and alert security or warn of a potential shoplifter. One company, Athena-Security, has cameras that spot when someone has a weapon. And in a bid to help retailers, it recently expanded its capabilities to help identify big spenders when they visit a store.

It's unknown how many schools have AI-equipped cameras because it's not being tracked. But Michael Dorn, executive director of Safe Havens International, a nonprofit that advises

schools on security, said "quite a few" use Avigilon and Sweden-based Axis Communications equipment "and the feedback has been very good."

Schools are the largest market for video surveillance systems in the U.S., estimated at \$450 million in 2018, according to London-based IHS Markit, a data and information services company. The overall market for real-time video analytics was estimated at \$3.2 billion worldwide in 2018 — and it's anticipated to grow to more than \$9 billion by 2023, according to one estimate.

AI cameras have already been tested by some companies to evaluate consumers' facial expressions to determine if they're having a pleasant or unpleasant shopping experience and improve customer service, according to the Center for Democracy and Technology, a Washington nonprofit that advocates for privacy protections. Policy counsel Joseph Jerome said companies may someday use the cameras to estimate someone's age, which might be useful for liquor stores, or facial-expression analysis to aid in job interviews.

Police in New York, New Orleans and Atlanta all use cameras with AI. In Hart-

ford, Connecticut, the police network of 500 cameras includes some AI-equipped units that can, for example, search hours of video to find people wearing certain clothes or search for places where a suspicious vehicle was seen.

The power of the systems has sparked privacy concerns.

"The issue is personal autonomy and whether you'll be able to go around walking in the public square or a shopping mall without tens, hundreds, thousands of people, companies and entities learning things about you," Jerome said.

"People haven't really caught up to how broad and deep the technology can now go," said Jay Stanley, a senior policy analyst at the American Civil Liberties Union who published a research paper in June about how the cameras are being used. "When I explain it, people are pretty amazed and spooked."

When it comes to the potential for stemming violence that may be less of an issue. Shannon Flounory, executive director for safety and security for the Fulton County School District, said no privacy concerns have been heard there.

"The events of Parkland kind of changed the

game," he said. "We have not had any arguments or any pushback right now."

ZeroEyes, a Philadelphia-based company, began testing gun-detection software last winter at Rancocas Valley Regional High School in New Jersey, which became a client. Since the company began selling their product this month, it said it's signed up another four schools — in Pennsylvania, Georgia, Tennessee and Florida.

The company also brought on a government agency in New York that it says it can't name. Co-founder Rob Huberty said ZeroEyes will be marketing the product to "stadiums, shopping malls — anywhere with a potential for a mass shooting."

Even supporters of these systems acknowledge the technology is not going to prevent all mass shootings — especially considering how quickly damage is done. But supporters argue they can at least help reduce the number of casualties by giving people more time to seek shelter and providing first responders with information sooner. "This is just one thing that's going to help everybody do their job better," Huberty said.

Both ZeroEyes and Austin-based Athena-Security claim their systems can detect weapons with more than 90 percent accuracy but acknowledge their products haven't been tested in a real-life scenario. And both systems are unable to detect weapons if they're covered — a limitation the companies say they are working to overcome.

Stanley, with the ACLU, said there's reason to be skeptical about their capabilities because AI is still "pretty unreliable at recognizing the complexities of human life."

Facial recognition is not infallible, and a study last year from Wake Forest University found that some facial-recognition software interprets black faces as appearing angrier than white faces. □

Should investors buy marijuana stocks?

Arizona State University
Sandra Woien
Associated Press

Illinois recently became the 11th state to legalize marijuana for recreational use. As more states follow suit, legal cannabis spending is expected to grow over 200% from about US\$9 billion in 2017 to \$31 billion in 2022. With these unparalleled increases in spending, marijuana stocks, including marijuana exchange-traded funds, with catchy tickers such as YOLO, an acronym for "you only live once," are becoming more common.

So should people add these stocks to their portfolios?

The rise of socially responsible investing

As a business ethicist, I know that socially responsible investing has become more popular, especially with millennials. Socially responsible investments experienced a 38% increase between 2016 and 2018. At the beginning of 2018 alone, \$11.6 trillion was invested in socially responsible funds. This translates into \$1 out of \$4 of all U.S. invested funds.

Investors committed to being socially conscious have more choices than ever and can expect similar returns to traditional investors. Moral basis for investing While there is no set defi-



In this Aug. 15, 2019, file photo, marijuana grows at an indoor cannabis farm in Gardena, Calif.

Associated Press

nition on what socially responsible investing entails, it goes beyond the fundamental view of Milton Friedman, an iconic economist, who claimed "the business of business is business" – in other words, making money or "profit."

In addition to profit, socially responsible investing focuses on what is known as the "triple bottom line." This means that companies also consider "people" and "planet," as part of responsible business practices.

Scholar David Vogel defines socially responsible investing as "practices that improve the workplace

and benefit society in ways that go above and beyond what companies are legally required to do."

Socially responsible investors typically buy stocks in companies that have policies to mitigate climate change or support fair trade, but may avoid companies engaged in fossil fuels, tobacco, alcohol and arms production.

Most people would agree that such companies ultimately cause more social and environmental harm than good.

For instance, fossil fuels, while meeting the demands for a relatively

cheap and consistent energy source, unequivocally contribute to air pollution and negatively impact human and environmental health.

The case of tobacco is similar. It is highly addictive and may seriously compromise a healthy and long life.

The case of marijuana Taking a view on marijuana is more complex. The substance is used both medically and recreationally.

Marijuana use can cause harm, especially when used at a young age. The National Institutes of Health acknowledges that 30% of users develop depen-

dence and withdrawal symptoms with the long-term use of marijuana. It can also lead to long-term and adverse changes to the brain. The American Lung Association advises against smoking marijuana due to the risks it poses for lung health. However, marijuana also has some health benefits. Even though marijuana is not recognized by the Federal Drug Administration as a medicine, the National Institutes of Health recognizes chemicals derived from the plant can help increase appetite, decrease pain, inflammation and nausea. The NIH also acknowledges that such derivatives may be useful in treating certain mental illnesses and addictions and some studies have shown it may be a weapon against opioid dependence.

Clinical trials hold the promise of finding more therapeutic benefits and possible treatments.

Medical marijuana stocks So does owning marijuana stocks raise the same ethical issues as owning stocks in an alcohol or tobacco firm – or are they more like pharmaceutical stocks?

There are gray areas in socially responsible investing. Not all socially conscious investors have the same values, and not all companies create equal amounts of good. □

Global stocks mixed after US and China increase tariffs

By JOE McDONALD and
DAVID McHUGH

Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— European stock markets drifted higher Monday while Asia was mixed after the U.S. and China escalated their war over trade and technology with new tariff increases.

U.S. markets were closed for the Labor Day holiday, draining some of the energy from global trading. Benchmarks in London, Paris and Shanghai advanced. Tokyo and Hong Kong declined.

Markets reacted less strongly to the weekend tariff hikes on billions of dol-



A woman looks at an electronic stock board of a securities firm in Tokyo, Monday, Sept. 2, 2019.

Associated Press

lars of goods than to previous increases.

Investors are hoping for progress in talks this month,

but analysts warn the fight over trade and technology is unlikely to be quickly resolved.

"The short-lived truce will probably provide limited relief," said Zhu Huani of Mizuho Bank in a report. "Businesses have become increasingly uncertain about future prospects, evidenced by the pullback in business investment amidst growing concerns on growth."

The broad Europe STOXX 600 rose 0.3 percent to 380.55, London's FTSE 100 rose 1.11% to 7,286.86 and France's CAC 40 added 0.2% to 5,487.66. Germany's DAX was 0.1% higher at 11,949.22.

In Asia, the Shanghai Composite Index gained 1.3% to 2,924.11 while Tokyo's Nikkei

225 shed 0.4% to 20,620.19. Hong Kong's Hang Seng lost 0.4% to 25,626.55. Seoul's Kospi ended 1 point higher at 1,969.19 and Sydney's S&P-ASX 200 retreated 0.4% to 6,579.40.

New Zealand and Taiwan gained while Southeast Asia markets retreated.

On Sunday, the United States started charging 15% tax on about \$112 billion of Chinese imports. China responded by charging taxes of 10% and 5% on a list of American goods.

Negotiators are due to meet this month in Washington but neither side has given any sign it might offer concessions. □

Conceptis Sudoku



Difficulty Level ★★

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

ROSS

- DOWN**
1 Insincerely
smooth

Created by Jacqueline E. Mathews

9/3/

Monday's Puzzle Solved

©2019 Tribune Content Agency, LLC
All Rights Reserved.

9/3

- | | |
|------------------|---------------------|
| 35 Cautious | 48 Fly alone |
| 37 Seldom seen | 49 Not valid |
| 38 Actor Tim | 50 Successes |
| 40 Weep for | 52 Björn with a |
| 41 Ask for | racket |
| 43 Ladd or Tieg | 53 Full of pep |
| 44 Archers | 55 Drink in a stein |
| 46 Single bite | 56 Friendly dog |
| 47 Slightly open | 57 That woman |

4 out of 10 whales stranded alive on Maui beach euthanized

By AUDREY McAVOY
Associated Press

HONOLULU (AP) — Authorities on Thursday sedated and euthanized four small whales after 10 of the animals were stranded alive on a beach on the Hawaii island of Maui. Two others were also likely to be euthanized.

Veterinarians determined the four melon-headed whales were in grave condition and nothing more could be done to save them, Jeffrey Walters, the wildlife management and conservation branch chief for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, said in a statement. The animals were made

comfortable with a sedative and then humanely euthanized to relieve their suffering, he said.

The remaining six whales were refloated to the ocean, but two of them soon stranded again. Walters says the prognosis for these two wasn't good and they would likely be euthanized.

Walters said NOAA and University of Hawaii scientists will examine the whales to determine what caused the stranding on Sugar Beach in the town of Kihei. Kealoha Pisciotta, a Native Hawaiian cultural practitioner, said the whales are a manifestation of the sea god Kanaloa. □

ASSOCIATED REALTORS For Sale

Gorgeous two story house on a hill with ocean/country view in Paradera, 3 bedrooms/ 3 bathrooms with pool for \$470,000

Call Mito at 593 6318
for more details

211698

ASSOCIATED REALTORS For Sale / Investment

House at Pos Abao/ Noord with 4 apartments, being used now for short term rentals and for \$475,000

Call Mito at 593 6318

211698

Classifieds

Halley Time Travel

Marriott Ocean Club Gold Season

1 BR Ocean View \$ 5 K
2 BR Ocean View \$ 8 K
1 BR Ocean Front \$12K
2 BR Ocean Front \$14K

Marriott Surf Club

2 BR Garden View \$ 7 K
2 BR Ocean View \$ 8 K
2 BR Ocean Side \$9 K
2 BR Ocean Front \$12 K

Renaissance Suites

1 BR WK # 35 \$3500
3rd Floor Pool/Ocean View
Eagle Resort and Casino
1 BR WK 34
2nd floor \$4000

Casa Del Mar

2 BR WK 34 \$7500
3rd floor Ocean View
Aruba Divi Phoenix
Studio WK 35 and 36
2nd Floor Ocean Front
32 week remain
Vilas \$5000 each

Call: 630 1307

Johnnypaesch@gmail.com
arubaresalestry@hotmail.com
facebookpage:resales&realty

HOUSE FOR SALE

near Marriott Hotel
two story 4 bedroom,
3 bathroom.
Balconi with hotel view
Price US\$850,000
5 min. from the beach
Whatsapp 560 0827

211697

ASSOCIATED REALTORS For Sale

Lot of property land of 279 m2
at Tanki Flip Residence, built
your own dream house and for
\$55,800.00

Call Mito at 593 6318

210698



Editor

Caribbean Speed Printers N.V.
Aruba Bank N.V. Acc. #332668
Caribbean Mercantile Bank N.V.
Acc. #23951903
RBC Royal Bank Acc. #1330772

Assistant Director

Xiomara Arends

Editor in Chief

Linda Reijnders
(linda.reijnders@cspnv.com)
Liza Koolman (Management assistant)

Editors

Richard Brooks
Jeancarlo Trinidad

Sales

Linda Reijnders
(linda.reijnders@cspnv.com)
Sulaika Croes

Classifieds

classified@cspnv.com

Distribution and Collection

accounting@bondia.com

Social / Website

Cristian Soto Garcia
Pilar Flores
Juan Luis Pinto

Columnists

Anthony Croes
Joris Zantvoort
Shanella Pantophlet
Steve Francees
Thais Franken

Weststraat 22
T: 582-7800

E: news@arubatoday.com

W: www.arubatoday.com

@arubatoday



HEALTH

DOCTOR ON DUTY

Oranjestad

Hospital 7:00 pm / 10:00pm
Tel. 527 4000

San Nicolas

IMSAN 24 Hours
Tel. 524 8833

PHARMACY ON DUTY

Oranjestad:
Kibrahacha Tel. 583 4908
San Nicolas:
Centro Medico Tel. 584 5794

OTHER

Dental Clinic 587 9850
Blood Bank Aruba 587 0002
Urgent Care 586 0448
Walk-In Doctor's Clinic
+297 588 0539

EMERGENCY

Police	100
Oranjestad	527 3140
Noord	527 3200
Sta. Cruz	527 2900
San Nicolas	584 5000
Police Tipline	11141
Ambulancia	911
Fire Dept.	115
Red Cross	582 2219

TAXI SERVICES

Taxi Tas	587 5900
Prof. Taxi	588 0035
Taxi D.T.S.	587 2300
Taxi Serv. Aruba	583 3232
A1 Taxi Serv.	280 2828

TRAVEL INFO

Aruba Airport	524 2424
American Airlines	582 2700
Avianca	588 0059
Jet Blue	588 2244
Surinam	582 7896

CRUISES



September 04
Monarch
September 10
Freedom of the Seas

AID FOUNDATIONS

FAVI- Visually Impaired
Tel. 582 5051

Alcoholics Anonymous
Tel. 736 2952

Narcotics Anonymous
Tel. 583 8989

Women in Difficulties
Tel. 583 5400

Centre for Diabetes
Tel. 524 8888

Child Abuse Prevention
Tel. 582 4433

Quota Club Tel. 525 2672

General Info

Phone Directory Tel. 118



TIMESHARES FOR SALE! AMAZING DEALS UP FOR GRABS!

Renaissance Aruba
Week 5 Unit 2522 - \$7,500
Week 7 Unit 2316 - \$9,000
Week 17 Unit 320 - \$3,000
Week 20 Unit 2329 - \$2,850
Week 23 Unit 2326 - \$2,300
Week 24 Unit 2505 - \$3,750
Week 26 Unit 2520 - \$3,200
Week 27 Unit 2520 - \$3,200
Week 27 Unit 2147 - \$5,000
Week 30 Unit 2546 - \$5,500
Week 30 Unit 2307 - \$3,500
Week 31 Unit 2307 - \$3,500
Week 33 Unit 2535 - \$8,000
Week 34 Unit 2535 - \$8,000

Renaissance Aruba
Week 34 Unit 2121 - \$3,500
Week 35 Unit 2120 - \$3,500
Week 36 Unit 2315 - \$2,250
Week 38 Unit 2143 - \$3,500
Week 39 Unit 2314 - \$3,500
Week 41 Unit 2132 - \$3,875
Week 42 Unit 2132 - \$3,875
Week 42 Unit 2136 - \$4,000
Week 45 Unit 2305 - \$5,500
Week 45 Unit 2551 - \$5,500
Week 50 Unit 2510 - \$4,500
Divi Dutch Village
Week 43 Unit 7206 - \$2,000

La Cabana BRC
Week 29 Unit 419D - \$2,250 (Incl. T. Fee)
Week 30 Unit 419D - \$2,250 (Incl. T. Fee)
Week 30 Unit 227A - \$3,500
Week 33 Unit 138A - \$2,250
Week 34 Unit 138A - \$2,250
Week 36 Unit 124B - \$4,000
Week 45 Unit 424AB - \$16,400
Week 46 Unit 316C - \$5,200

Marriott Surf Club
Week 44 Unit 8909 - \$15,000

CALL US AT (297) 737 3006 OR E-MAIL AT ZACH@BUYARUBATIMESHARES.COM



This undated photo provided by Loren Davis in August 2019 shows an overview of the Cooper's Ferry canyon in western Idaho.

Associated Press

Idaho artifacts suggest Pacific entry for first Americans

By **MALCOLM RITTER**

AP Science Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists say they've found artifacts in Idaho that indicate people were living there around 16,000 years ago, providing new evidence that the first Americans entered their new home by following the Pacific coast. The discovery also points to Japan as a possible origin or influence for the migration, said study leader Loren Davis of Oregon State University.

Other experts were split on what the findings mean and how old they are, not an unusual reaction in the contentious topic of early humans in the New World. Davis and colleagues reported Thursday in the journal *Science* on their excavation of the Cooper's Ferry site in western Idaho. In the oldest part of the site, they found 43 flakes that had evidently been chipped off of stones in the process of making tools like those found in younger areas of the site. They also found four such flakes that had been modified to be used for a task like cutting or scraping, and pieces of bone that indicate dis-

carded food, Davis said.

The site is between 15,280 and 16,560 years old, for an approximate age of 16,000 years, analysis indicated. It was occupied repeatedly over time, researchers said. What does it all mean? For one thing, the researchers said, the calculated age argues for one side of a debate about just how the first Americans arrived.

The traditional narrative is that the peopling of the Americas began after a migration crossed a now-submerged land bridge called Beringia that used to extend from Siberia to Alaska. The migration's progress south from there was blocked for a while by massive ice sheets in Canada, but eventually a gap in the ice opened and people moved through this so-called "ice-free corridor."

But in recent years, as scientists have found earlier and earlier signs of humans living in the Americas, some have argued that people had shown up before that corridor appeared. So maybe they traveled the Pacific instead, either on foot or by boat, or both. Davis said his paper indicates people were living in

Idaho long before the corridor opened, citing others' research that says it was open by about 14,800 years ago. The best explanation, he said, is that "they came down the coast and took a left-hand turn south of the ice, and went up the Columbia River Basin."

The site also revealed a style of stone projectile point that resembles artifacts of similar age on the Japanese island of Hokkaido. So that supports the idea that the migration that led to the first Americans may have begun in that area, when Hokkaido was part of a larger land mass, Davis said. Or it could have started somewhere else in northeast Asia, but still reflect a cultural contribution of the Hokkaido area, he said.

A migration from the Hokkaido area could have skirted the southern coast of Beringia before heading south along the Pacific, he said. Experts familiar with the work gave differing opinions on the site's age, reflecting the difficulty of interpreting data for assigning ages to artifacts. A site in Texas has also been dated to about 16,000 years, but Davis said the technique used for Cooper's Ferry is more precise. Dennis Jenkins, senior research archaeologist at the University of Oregon's Museum of Natural and Cultural History, said the Idaho site appears to go back 16,000 years. He also said the paper provides "a major advance" by linking early Americans to Japan more firmly than before.

Michael Waters of the Center for the Study of the First Americans at Texas A&M said he prefers an age of between 14,200 years and 15,000 years ago. That would put it in the time frame of several sites in Texas, Wisconsin and Oregon, he said. As for the Japan connection, "I think they're on to something there."

Waters called the site "a great discovery." Ben Potter of the University of Alaska in Fairbanks questioned the reported age of the artifacts. He said the most secure age estimates do not precede the opening of the ice-free corridor, so the new paper doesn't rule out that possible entry point. He also said he was not convinced by the comparison with the Japanese artifacts. □

Australia lowers Great Barrier Reef outlook to 'very poor'

By **ROD MCGUIRK**

CANBERRA, Australia

(AP) — The government agency that manages Australia's Great Barrier Reef has downgraded its outlook for the corals' condition from "poor" to "very poor" due to warming oceans.

The Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority's condition report, which is updated every five years, is the latest bad news for the 345,400 square kilometer (133,360 square miles) colorful coral net-



In this Nov. 25, 2016, photo, fish swim along the edges of a coral reef off Great Keppel Island in Australia.

Associated Press

work off the northeast Australian coast as climate change and coral bleaching take their toll.

The report issued Friday finds the greatest threat to the reef remains climate change. □



Honey Dolls
MASSAGE AND ESCORT SERVICE
Beautiful Latin Girls
Pick-up & Delivery

Serving Men - Couple - Women - All Genders
 Bachelor Party Specialized, the best in the Caribbean
Call: 565-9535

On 'Inspired by True Events,' Tori Kelly gets personal



This Aug. 13, 2019 photo shows singer Tori Kelly during a portrait session in New York to promote her latest project, "Inspired by True Events," released this month.

By GARY GERARD HAMILTON

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — When Tori Kelly's family entered a season of turmoil, the songstress coped by doing what comes natural to her: writing.

"So many things happened in the last couple of years in my personal life that it just felt like a rollercoaster.

My parents actually separated. My grandfather passed away. And then on a happier note, I got married," she said. "All of these emotions, good and bad, just were bottled up inside of me."

The 26-year-old used those experiences to craft her latest project, "Inspired by True Events," released last month.

The album marks her return to the pop music world after the release of her 2018 gospel album "Hiding Place," which won two Grammy Awards earlier this year.

"Some of (the new songs are) so personal that it's hard to sing sometimes, but it just felt so good to get it out," she said.

In an interview with The As-

sociated Press, Kelly talked about getting opening up through writing, making music for both Christian and secular fans, and her controversial mega-manager and recent object of Taylor Swift's criticism, Scooter Braun.

Some answers may have been edited for brevity.

AP: When authors write their autobiographies, they may ask their family for permission to include certain stories. Did you talk with your family before releasing this album?

Kelly: No matter how hard I try, there's always going to be stuff that is just for my marriage or that is just my family.

Even if you give (listeners) little bits or if you tell your story, there's always things that are still going to be safe and just for you. My family has been a part of, obviously, my whole life. And even with my music, they've always been there and they've been my biggest supporters. So for me to play them these songs and be like,

"Hey, I know we all went through a hard time but

you guys know me and this is how I express myself through my music" — they said that they loved the music and they loved the album, so that was a cool feeling.

AP: Do you worry that some of gospel fans won't listen to this album?

Kelly: I've always said I want to make life music, so whether that's just the last couple of years what I've gone through and then writing about that, or if it's, "Hey, I've gone through all these things and my faith is how I've gotten through a lot of these things," to me, any genre that I do, I'm just telling you about my life.

And if you only listen to gospel music or Christian music, maybe you'll hear these songs and God is all up in those songs as well in this new album.

AP: It seems like actually getting your Grammy Awards was a journey — almost like a metaphor for your music career.

Kelly: I missed the package delivery and there's a notice on my door and it's like, "Hey, you have to sign

for these, so we're gonna leave them at the nearest Walgreens." They almost didn't even give them to me. There was some confusion with the name on there and the tracking number and stuff. And I was like, "Oh, my gosh, why is it so hard to get these Grammys?"

AP: Your manager, Scooter Braun, has been tangled in controversy in the news lately. Are you ever affected by things he goes through?

Kelly: I definitely try to stay out of stuff and at the same time, I really don't know a lot either. I don't know a lot of the situation at times. I try to focus on that and our relationship and who's been in my life. I just know from my experience that he's just a great guy and really believes in me as an artist and believes in his artists.

He's just super supportive and has always been there.

AP: Would you ever collaborate with any of his artists?

Kelly: I would love that. He has so many incredible artists that I think are just so dope and I would love to collab with any of the artists on his roster.

Ariana (Grande) and I have sung together live before. We talked about doing something, maybe (smiles). Justin (Bieber) and I as well. So yeah, we'll see. It'd be really fun, though.

AP: What do you want your fans to take away from "Inspired by True Events"?

Kelly: I'm just stoked for people to hear these songs and hopefully connect with these songs. While I'm writing these songs, I feel so isolated in a way, like, "Oh, no one is going to understand. This is so personal, so specific."

So to then put these songs out and then have people connect with them in that way is really special.

The greatest gift as a songwriter is once it gets away from you and it's not about you anymore, and then you get to share it, and hopefully help people — that's the best thing ever." □



In this April 4, 2019 file photo, Kevin Hart poses for photos at the Big Screen Achievement Awards at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas.

Associated Press

Comedian Kevin Hart injured in Southern California car crash

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

Actor-comedian Kevin Hart has been injured in the crash of a vintage muscle car in the hills above Malibu.

A California Highway Patrol collision report says the 40-year-old Hart was a passenger in a 1970 Plymouth Barracuda that went off Mulholland Highway and rolled down an embankment around 12:45 a.m. Sunday.

The report says Hart and the driver, 28-year-old Jared Black, both suffered "major back injuries" and were taken to hospitals.

Another passenger, 31-year-old Rebecca Broxterman, only complained of pain.

The CHP report says the car immediately went out of control as it turned from a canyon road onto the highway.

The report says the driver was not under the influence of alcohol.

A representative for Hart didn't immediately reply to messages.

The crash was first reported by TMZ. □

Hollywood's summer ends 2% down despite Disney dominance

By JAKE COYLE

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Never before has one studio so dominated summer at the movies. The Walt Disney Co. accounted for about half of all ticket sales in U.S. and Canada theaters on the season, which came to a close Sunday with the Gerard Butler action thriller "Angel Has Fallen" topping the box office for the second weekend.

Summer ticket sales finished 2% behind last year, according to data firm Comscore, a slight downturn that came despite an unprecedented display by Disney. The studio's approximate \$2.2 billion in domestic summer box office is greater than that of all the major studios combined.

Summer, which for Hollywood runs from the first weekend in May to



In this July 14, 2019 file photo, director Jon Favreau poses for photographers upon arrival at the 'Lion King' European premiere in central London.

Associated Press

Labor Day, traditionally ends with a whimper as few new releases seek to draw audiences over the holiday weekend. That was especially true this weekend as nothing new dented the top 10. Lionsgate's "Angel Has Fallen" came on top again with an estimated \$11.6 million. The final numbers on Hollywood's summer didn't add up to the box-office bonanza that some predicted. Instead, the main storyline on the summer came to be the yawning gap between Disney and the rest of the industry. Disney finalized its \$71 billion acquisition of 20th Century Fox in March, but it was the studio's own offerings that propelled its market dominance.

Five of Disney's films crossed \$1 billion this summer, including the season's biggest hit, "The Lion King." It currently ranks seventh all-time globally with \$1.56 billion in ticket sales. "Avengers: Endgame" (\$2.796 billion) opened in late April, just before the summer began. "Toy Story 4" and "Aladdin" both easily cleared \$1 billion. The only non-Disney film in the summer's top four was Sony's "Spider-Man: Far From Home," and that film was produced by Disney's Marvel Studios.

Disney has been the market leader for the last

four years in Hollywood as its high-priced acquisitions — Lucasfilm, Pixar, Marvel, and now Fox — have given the studio the intellectual property firepower for a movie world increasingly focused on franchises.

Only one original film this summer ranked among the top 10, and it came in 10th. Quentin Tarantino's "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" will have made an estimated \$130.8 million through Monday domestically, plus sizable ticket sales abroad. It, along with "Spider-Man," helped lead Sony to its best summer since 2006 — but a distant No. 2 to Disney. Disney's success has been a welcome dose of reliability for theater owners in need of sure-hits amid widespread anxiety over the rise of streaming. And it has prompted fears of cultural monopoly.

"For the industry, I think it's a point of stress, to put it mildly. Other studios are now strategizing around Disney. That's what you have to do," said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst for Comscore. "But lest we think Disney was the only game in town, there were other studios that found opportunities within the calendar."

Lionsgate was among those that eked out some breathing room. Along

with its August successes ("Angel Has Fallen," "Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark"), the studio's "John Wick: Chapter 3 — Parabellum" was, with \$170.9 million, one of the summer's biggest successes. "For me it's important to dispel that audiences are only going to see Marvel and Pixar and the big tentpole," said David Spitz, president of domestic distribution for Lionsgate. "Movies like 'Scary Stories' and 'Good Boys' and 'Angel Has Fallen' prove that there is an audience for that. 'Good Boys' was very encouraging because prior to that it was: 'Comedies are dead. They're just for streaming.' And that's not the case."

Universal's "Good Boys," the first R-rated comedy to land No. 1 in more than three years, proved that conventional wisdom is sometimes wrong. But other acclaimed comedies that were expected to pop — such as Amazon's "Late Night," United Artists' "Booksmart" and Lionsgate's "Long Shot" — didn't.

Counterprogramming often simply didn't work. And neither did gloomy-looking critically panned movies such as "Godzilla: King of the Monsters" and "Dark Phoenix." They were among the season's biggest flops. □

Caribbean Cinemas
Años. Years. Années.

PH VIP At Paseo Herencia 582-3693
PBP Palm Beach Plaza Mall 586.0074
caribbeancinemas.com
Caribbean Cinemas Aruba

MORE VARIETY IN PROGRAMMING AND SHOWTIMES NOW WITH 14 SCREENS!

AUGUST 29 - SEPTEMBER 4

ZOE MARGARET COLLETTI | MICHAEL GARZA

SCARY STORIES TO TELL IN THE DARK

PH	MON-THU 6:00 8:30	FRI 6:00 8:30 11:00	SAT 3:30 6:00 8:30 11:00	SUN 3:30 6:00 8:30
PBP	MON-FRI 4:45 7:10 9:35	SAT-SUN 2:20 4:45 7:10 9:35		

VIVEIK KALRA | KULVINDER GHIR

BLINDED BY THE LIGHT

PH	MON-THU 4:25 6:45 9:15	FRI 4:25 6:45 9:15 11:45	SAT 1:45 4:25 6:45 9:15 11:45	SUN 1:45 4:25 6:45 9:15
----	----------------------------	--------------------------------	---------------------------------------	-------------------------------

GERARD BUTLER | MORGAN FREEMAN

ANGEL HAS FALLEN

PH	MON-FRI 5:30 8:15	SAT-SUN 2:45 5:30 8:15		
PBP	MON-THU 5:50 8:30	FRI 5:50 8:30 11:10	SAT 3:10 5:50 8:30 11:10	SUN 3:10 5:50 8:30
PBP	MON-FRI 3:55 6:35 9:15	SAT-SUN 1:15 3:55 6:35 9:15		

SAMARA WEAVING | ADAM BRODY

READY OR NOT

PH	MON-THU & SUN 8:30	FRI-SAT 8:30 10:45
PBP	MON-THU & SUN 9:30	FRI-SAT 9:30 11:40

ISABELA MONER | EVA LONGORIA

DORA AND THE LOST CITY OF GOLD

PH	MON-FRI 6:10	SAT-SUN 3:50 6:10		
PBP	MON-THU 4:10 6:30 8:50	FRI 4:10 6:30 8:50 11:10	SAT 1:50 4:10 6:30 8:50 11:10	SUN 1:50 4:10 6:30 8:50
	MON-FRI 5:30	SAT-SUN 1:10 5:30		

JACOB TREMBLAY | KEITH L. WILLIAMS

GOOD BOYS

PH	MON-FRI 9:25	SAT-SUN 4:50 9:25		
PBP	MON-THU 7:50	FRI 7:50 10:10	SAT 3:25 7:50 10:10	SUN 3:25 7:50

DWAYNE JOHNSON | JASON STATHAM

HOBBS & SHAW

PH	MON-FRI 5:50 8:50	SAT-SUN 2:50 5:50 8:50
PBP	MON-FRI 3:50 6:25 9:20	SAT-SUN 3:30 6:25 9:20

JASON SUDEKIS | JOSH GAD

THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2

PH	MON-FRI 7:00	SAT-SUN 2:35 7:00
PBP	MON-FRI 4:50	SAT-SUN 2:30 4:50 7:10

DONALD GLOVER | BEYONCÉ KNOWLES-CARTER

THE LION KING

PBP	MON-FRI 3:50 6:25 9:00	SAT-SUN 1:15 3:50 6:25 9:00
-----	----------------------------	-----------------------------------

OPENING SEPTEMBER 5: IT CHAPTER TWO, 47 METERS DOWN:UNCAGED

THE MAGIC OF THE MOVIES ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE

Download on the App Store | GET IT ON Google Play

Atwood, Rushdie novels among fall highlights

By HILLEL ITALIE
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — This fall, some of the timeliest and most topical books will be found in the fiction section. From Margaret Atwood's "The Testaments," her sequel to "The Handmaid's Tale," to Lucy Ellmann's epic "Ducks, Newburyport" and Salman Rushdie's "Quichotte," novelists and short story writers are addressing the news of the moment through imagined narratives.

Some are set in the present, others in the distant past and others in the undetermined future.

"Fiction at its best is a journey toward the truth by an indirect route," says Rushdie, whose novel brings the tale of Don Quixote into the age of YouTube and reality television. "If done properly, (it) can capture a moment in such a way that readers in the present can gain 'recognition pleasure' — 'Yes, this is how things are.'"

Atwood has said the rise of Donald Trump helped convince her to write "The Testaments," which returns readers to the ruthless patriarchy of Gilead and to those resisting it. "Ducks, Newburyport" is a 1,000-page journey through the worried mind of an Ohio housewife who makes pies and despairs about Trump. Jeanine Cummins' highly anticipated "American Dirt" tells of a bookseller in Mexico who is threatened by a drug cartel and attempts to flee to the United States. Rob Hart sets his thriller "The Warehouse" within a giant tech company called "The Cloud," a story billed as "Big Brother meets Big Business."

"Journalism is incredibly important, and data is great at making people angry, but a story sits with you the way data doesn't," Hart says. "Stories are about empathy. I think we've collectively decided our comfort is more important than someone else's discomfort, and putting people in someone else's shoes for a bit seems a good way to counter that."

Ta-Nehisi Coates' first novel, "The Water Dancer," is the story of a slave's external and internal journey; the author has called the work a "myth" to counter-

collection since 2010, "Summer Snow." Poetry also is coming from Sharon Olds, Nick Flynn, Anne Simpson, Daniel Poppick and the country's new poet laure-

phen Greenhouse's "Beaten Down, Worked Up: The Past, Present, and Future of American Labor." Edward Snowden, the former government employee famed for leaking documents that revealed a massive government surveillance system, has written the memoir "Permanent Record." Jonathan Safran Foer, known for such novels as "Everything is Illuminated," offers a daily approach to climate change in "We Are the Weather: Saving the Planet Begins at Breakfast." He says the book came out of a conversation with an environmental philanthropist about an expression both had heard too often, "We have to do something." Foer said the most direct and tangible action is cutting down on meat consumption, a point he felt he couldn't make through fiction.

"I was aiming to make some quite specific factual claims," he says. "I wanted to make a point about how we can make a huge dent in the environment by some relatively small changes in how we eat."

The Pulitzer Prize winners who helped relaunch #MeToo have books out: The New Yorker's Ronan Farrow has written "Catch and Kill: Lies, Spies, and a Conspiracy to Protect Predators" and Jodi Kantor and Megan Twohey reflect on their New York Times coverage in "She Said: Breaking the Sexual Harassment Story That Helped Ignite a Movement." The woman sexually assaulted by Stanford University student Brock Turner, her name still unknown to the general public, has a memoir out in September.

Memoirs also are coming from former UN Ambassadors Susan Rice and Samantha Power, Olympic figure skater Adam Rippon, actresses Julie Andrews and Demi Moore, and chef

Jean-Georges Vongerichten. Supreme Court Justice Neil Gorsuch's "A Republic, If You Can Keep It" collects speeches and essays and is expected to touch on his contentious confirmation to the court in 2017.

Former Defense Secretary Jim Mattis looks back on his career in "Call Sign Chaos." Music lovers again can look forward to a new round of memoirs. Elton John's "Me" is expected this fall, along with Debbie Harry's "Face It," Flea's "Acid for the Children" and Andrew Ridgeley's "Wham!: George Michael and Me." Prince's "The Beautiful Ones" is built around a manuscript he and co-author Dan Piepenbring were working on at the time of his death. A former Prince collaborator, Morris Day, tells his story in "On Time: A Princely Life in Funk."

Liz Phair's "Horror Stories" is less a rock star memoir than a memoir that happens to be written by a rock star. It's a collection of personal essays reflecting on everything from divorce to the birth of her son to climbing trees on her grandparents' property. The singer-songwriter known for her classic "Exile in Guyville" album told The Associated Press in a recent telephone interview that Prince's death was one reason she decided to write the book.

"When these great music legends die, you realize how much they meant to you and how much they shaped your career. ... And it gets you thinking about your own legacy," she said, adding that her book also was a way of confronting the "horror" of the daily headlines.

"I believe there's a power to being open and connected to your emotions, acknowledging what's happened to you. I don't think it shows weakness. I think it fortifies you against a whole lot of hot air." □



This cover image released by Scribner shows "The Institute" by Stephen King.

Associated Press

act the racist beliefs of the present, explaining during last spring's booksellers convention that fiction can change minds by taking us to a "bone-deep level." New fiction also will come from Ann Patchett ("The Dutch House"), Stephen King ("The Institute") and Zadie Smith ("Grand Union") and Monique Truong ("The Sweetest Fruits"). Stephen Chbosky's "Imaginary Friend" is his first novel since his million-selling debut, "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" and Andre Aciman's "Find Me" is a sequel to his novel that was adapted into an Oscar-winning movie, "Call Me By Your Name."

Prize-winning poet Robert Hass will release his first new

ate, Joy Harjo.

"Cutting Edge," a crime and mystery anthology edited by Joyce Carol Oates, features poems and stories from Atwood, Edwidge Danticat and Aimee Bender, among other women.

"In noir, women's place until fairly recently has been limited to two: muse, sexual object," Oates writes in the introduction. "The particular strength of the female noir vision isn't a recognizable style but rather a defiantly female, indeed feminist, perspective."

Current events will be addressed directly in such nonfiction as Ibram X. Kendi's "How To Be an Antiracist," Naomi Klein's "On Fire: The (Burning) Case for a Green New Deal" and Ste-



For ADVERTISEMENTS in our Newspaper

linda.reijnders@cspnv.com

Electric bikes soon to be humming along national park trails

By ELLEN KNICKMEYER

DAVID SHARP

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — Motorized electric bicycles may soon be humming along serene trails in national parks and other public lands nationwide. It's part of a new Trump administration order — hotly opposed by many outdoors groups — that will allow e-bikes on every federal trail where a regular bike can go.

Sales of the bikes, powered by both pedals and battery-driven small motors, are booming, and some aging or less fit people have sought the rule change. It will allow them to whirr up and down biking trails in the country's roughly 400 national parks and other federally managed backcountry areas. Interior Secretary David Bernhardt signed the order without fanfare Thursday, classifying e-bikes as non-motorized bikes.

The e-bikes "make bicycle travel easier and more efficient, and they provide an option for people who want to ride a bicycle but might not otherwise do so because of physical fitness, age, disability or convenience," National Park Service Deputy Director P. Daniel Smith said in a statement Friday.

Welcoming the change in Bar Harbor, Maine, on Friday, Gordon Goodwin, 69, said he and his wife look forward to riding the 57 miles (92 kilometers) of carriage paths that meander throughout Acadia National Park.

The paths, offering stunning views of lakes, mountains, forests and the ocean, are popular with bicyclists, but e-bikes have had to stay on the park's roads instead.

"We're stoked. We're really stoked," Goodwin said. "There's just too much traffic on the main park roads that you can't enjoy them. It'll be great to get in the park and see nature and all that stuff."

But more than 50 hiking, horse-riding and other outdoor and conservation associations, including the Appalachian Trail Conser-



In this photo taken Sept. 23, 2018, a mountain biker pedals past a No E-bikes sign in the San Bernardino National Forest near Big Bear Lake, Calif.

vancy and Pacific Crest Trail Association, objected in a July letter to the Interior Department. They say the administration is fundamentally changing the nature of national parks with little or no public notice or study.

"If you're hiking on a trail in Utah and you're rounding a bend and something's coming at you at 20 mph, that really changes the experience," said Kristen Brengel, a vice president of the National Parks Conservation Association, a non-profit that advocates for the national park system.

"It's pretty jarring" to those who take to public lands to escape city noise and

stress for nature, Brengel said. "You're adding significant speed and a throttle to those trails."

E-bikes are the fastest-growing segment of the bicycle industry, with U.S. sales jumping 72% to \$144 million last year, according to the NPD Group, which tracks bike sales. The motorized bikes are popular with commuters and aging baby boomers who might not otherwise get out on a bicycle.

The bikes, which can cost \$2,000 or more, combine the frame of a regular bike with lightweight batteries and electric motors.

In parks and other public lands as on city streets and

sidewalks, people moving on vehicles powered by electric or gasoline engines frequently jostle for the right of way with people on foot or traditional bikes. In the National Park Service, officials over the decades have tried to carefully sort out rules and systems to minimize conflicts.

In their letter, the outdoor groups complained the decision to allow motorized bikes on bike trails breaks with policies dating back to the early 1970s confining cars, dirt bikes, all-terrain vehicles and all other motorized vehicles to roads and designated areas or trails on public lands.

Interior's order allows motorized bikes that can go up to 28 mph to be classified as regular bikes.

"Parks are already having a shortage of staffs and rangers," said Randy Rasmussen, whose organization, Back Country Horsemen of America, opposes the rules. "And now what: they're supposed to be out there with radar guns? It's unenforceable."

He suspects riders going faster than permitted will create dangerous encounters with spooked horses.

The Interior statement said riders must use the motor only to boost their pedaling on the trails, and not zip along on motor power alone.

Bernhardt's order gave

agency officials 30 days to come up with public guidance on how the new policy will be carried out by the National Park and National Wildlife Refuge systems, and on land overseen by the Bureau of Land Management and Bureau of Reclamation.

The National Park Service said in a statement that public comment would be sought as it works to develop a revised rule on bicycle use.

Ashley Korenblat, an advocate for preserving public lands and CEO of Western Spirit Cycling in Moab, Utah, saw several upsides.

E-bikes could lead to fewer cars at congested national parks, she said. The bikes are quiet, not much faster than regular bikes and allow people who otherwise couldn't physically ride to go cycling.

"You can bring grandma and a 7-year-old and the whole group will be able to stay together," said Korenblat.

Adam Garipey, manager of the Bar Harbor Bicycle Shop, said Friday he's "tentatively happy" about the new rules. But he has reservations because some e-bikes like his can reach around 28 mph, he said. That speed could be dangerous on trails that have a mix of bicycle riders, horses and carriages, hikers, families and pets.

"It's a two-edged sword. It'll be great for older folks who are afraid of the hills and want to continue riding. But there should be some speed limit with them," he said.

Park Service Deputy Director Smith said the parks "should be responsive to visitors' interest in using this new technology wherever it is safe and appropriate to do."

But Brengel, the parks conservation association official, noted the order comes in a season when thousands of volunteers with trail groups have been in the parks all summer improving trails.

"You put a policy out like this, and it's a slap in the face," she said. □



In this Aug. 1, 2016, file photo, the official start of racing kicks off just outside of Zion National Park during the Tour Of Utah bike race, in Springdale, Utah.

Associated Press